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Terror charges for Calgarian thought to be an ISIL fighter

INVESTIGATION

Imam concerned 22-year-old may inspire youth to radicalization

RCMP in Alberta have laid terrorism charges against a Calgary man they believe has gone abroad to fight with the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL, or ISIS).

Farah Mohamed Shirdon, 22, faces several offences, including participation in the activity of a terrorist group and instructing others to carry out terrorist activity.

Mounties said Thursday that the charges are being laid in absentia because they believe Shirdon remains overseas. A Canada-wide arrest warrant has been issued and a notice was to be issued via Interpol.

Police said their investigation — part of what they call Project Staccato — determined that Shirdon left Canada on March 14, 2014, to fight with ISIL in Syria.

RCMP Assistant Commissioner Marlin DeGrand said in Edmonton that it's believed Shirdon served in various roles with the organization.

"Our investigation showed that Shirdon served in a combat role and performed other functions for ISIS such as recruiting, fundraising, encouraging others to commit violence and spreading propaganda — all designed to enhance the activities of the ISIS," DeGrand said in a release.

There were reports he had been killed, but RCMP said that wasn't the case.

Shirdon has featured prominently in western media's coverage of North Americans travelling overseas to fight with the militant group.

Last year, the CBC aired a propaganda video of Shirdon burning his Canadian passport and threatening U.S. President Barack Obama. One of the terrorism charges relates to that video.

Another charge relates to threats Shirdon allegedly made in a video interview with media outlet Vice last September. In the video, a man calling himself Abu Usamah, says he's going to bomb New York and fly the ISIL flag over the White House.

"I'm Canadian; well, I was Canadian," he told Vice's online magazine, Motherboard, a few months earlier.

22-year-old Farah Mohamed Shirdon HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

He said he had talked to a Canadian intelligence agent a few days before leaving Canada and that the "poor girl" who interviewed him probably lost her job.

Calgary Imam Syed Soharwardy of the Islamic Supreme Council of Canada has said he didn't know Shirdon, but had seen him at some Calgary events in the past. He said he worried that Shirdon's actions would inspire other radicalized youth to head overseas. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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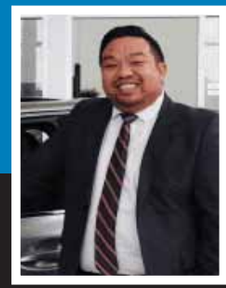

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Pot counselling keeps growing

MEDICAL MARIJUANA

City working to change how the businesses are regulated

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

The city is firing up ideas to roll with the budding medical marijuana counselling business.

New land-use bylaw amendments early this fall will address the expected growth of such facilities in the area as they sit in a grey area for city planners.

The proposal looks to change how medical marijuana counselling businesses are managed, regulated and classified by the city, according to Laurie Kimber, a City of Calgary planner who's been engaging all stakeholders that are part of the classification change.

Currently, medical marijuana counselling services are classified as "medical clinics." But that classification doesn't fit the city's definition — medical doctors don't counsel patients on the use of the substance or the types that are available to them, said city spokeswoman Jennifer Green in an email.

"We don't have any other (businesses) where people get advice from a non-medical professional on the use of a drug," Green said.

Kimber said he expects the number of these businesses to grow "substantially," especially if the Supreme Court refuses a challenge to keep the old personal growing system in place.

420 Clinic owner Jeff Mooij has seen his medical marijuana counselling business rapidly expand. JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO

Calgary's two medical marijuana counselling clinics have grown considerably and expect to see their number of patients rise.

In fact, the 420 clinic now has 200 patients since opening four months ago with a starting clientele of 30, according to owner Jeff Mooij.

"It's growing fairly rapidly," he said. "People have more knowledge, and more doctors are understanding what we do, so we're getting more patients sent to us from doctors."

Miles Nakaska, a medical technician at Calgary's Medical Cannabis Health Institute — an affiliate of the Oasis Medical Centre — said the centre has about 1,800 patients and sees five to 10 new applications per day.

"We're growing almost exponentially," he said.

Mooij — who's been in talks with the city over the new classification rules — said he'd like to see the clinic classified as retail, somewhat like how pharmacies operate.

He emphasized the clinic is not a dispensary. Rather, it gets approval from doctors who sign a "medical document" to authorize its use for their clients, who then receive their medical marijuana in the mail from licensed producers.

"I think it's naturally going to grow, and (the city) is aware of that," Mooij said. "So, I think it's something they don't want to get out of control."

Green said medical marijuana counselling services could negatively impact the communities in which they operate through their marketing techniques, particularly their use of the marijuana leaf as an image.

"It can lead to perceptions, even if untrue, that a community is not a desirable place to visit," she said.

Mooij said he hopes new medical marijuana counselling businesses don't get zoned into industrial areas, since many patients require transit to easily access his location.

Kimber said council will make the final decisions, once it receives the report on Oct. 5.

MORE DETAILS

Calgary won't end up like Vancouver, councillor says

Vancouver Coun. Kerry Jang estimated this week that only 15 to 20 dispensaries will be approved after the city processes a whopping 176 applications for business licences.

Laurie Kimber with the City of Calgary's planning department said Calgary won't end up like its western neighbour, as medical marijuana dispensaries are still considered illegal.

"I don't see how (the opening of medical marijuana dispensaries) would be an option for Calgary."

Vancouver approved a two-tier licensing system in June to stop the numerous illegal dispensaries sprouting across the city, defying warnings from the federal government by becoming Canada's first city to regulate storefront pot sales.

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ELECTIONS

City plans to engage voters

Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

The City of Calgary wants to increase voter turnout in future elections, and it plans on reaching out to new Canadians to do so.

In a report going before city council on Monday, returning officer Barb Clifford spells out a strategy that includes more voter outreach for immigrants, youth and the homeless.

The city also wants to increase multicultural communication by publishing information about the electoral process in various languages. That would include translating the same election advertising we now see in English-language media to other languages if the proposal is accepted by council.

Clifford told Metro she couldn't name the specific languages the city would target, adding it depends on the available non-English media in the city. Up until now, the city has only ever published non-English advertisements in a local Chinese language newspaper.

Clifford said there has been a lot of research done asking the question why certain groups such as youth don't vote. She said none of that research provides meaningful answers or solutions.

Her solution is just to reach out and ask those communities.

"We need to talk to them (outside of election years) and ask, why don't you routinely vote? What are the issues?" she said.

Other proposed ways of increasing voter turnout mentioned in the report include online or telephone voting, but the city cannot use those methods due to the Local Authorities Election Act.

A snapshot of the promotional video for Calgary's regional transit service. A two-year project that will be launched next fall.
SCREENSHOT

Transit network to launch On-It pilot

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Buses to bring commuters across region to Calgary

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Imagine catching a ride from High River to Calgary's Bridlewood LRT station on your way to work without having to get behind the wheel yourself or having to lift a finger.

If it seems impossible that's because it is — for now.

But in September 2016, municipalities to the south of the city will have a Calgary-bound public transportation option. The Calgary Regional Partnership has announced a two-year pilot to transport commuters from as far south as Nanton to the city.

It's called the On-It Calgary Regional Transit Service.

"If you don't want to drive and the schedules work for you, I think it's a great alternative, but the beauty of this is it's not just a transit pilot," said Ettore Iannacito, Regional Transit Program Manager for the Calgary Regional Partnership. "We're looking at this as the launch of the regional transit system."

This is the first Calgary Regional Partnership transportation plan and with enough interest it could expand to every outermost quadrant of Calgary.

> **We would like to expand the service area, for sure.**
> Ettore Iannacito

"We would look to expand the service area, for sure, if this proves to be successful," Iannacito said.

Right now to keep costs low the non-profit group is contracting out drivers, vehicles, and upkeep until their first project catches on. Although they're hoping for coach buses, Iannacito said it's still unclear what kind of comfort level they can offer so early in the game.

The route will take riders from Nanton through High River and Turner Valley through Black Diamond and both routes will meet in Okotoks, which will serve as the hub before moving passengers on to the nearest Calgary LRT station. The route will run once in the morning and evening to bring commuters to and from work.

"It's a little expensive to get into regional transit," said Okotoks Mayor Bill Roberson.

"Every car that we take off the road is a little less carbon in the air... by reducing all those vehicles we allow more personal choice."

AUTO INDUSTRY

VW suit taking shape

A billion-dollar Canadian class action lawsuit against Volkswagen is taking shape right here in Calgary.

Local lawyer Clint Docken is partnering with the Edmonton firm Brown and Associates to launch the suit against the German automaker after revelations it cheated on emissions tests for its diesel vehicles.

"It's based on the fact that they didn't get what they were promised," said Docken.

He said many people purchased diesel Volkswagen and Audi models believing they were a greener option than gas, while others were looking for mileage or performance that wasn't actually as advertised.

The statement of claim alleges affected vehicles had "illegal and sophisticated software" which turned on emission controls only during emissions testing. During regular operations the vehicles could then put out pollutants such as nitrogen oxide at 40 times the accepted levels for Canada.

Docken said they've heard from over 500 people since filing the claim on Tuesday.

BRODIE THOMAS/METRO

IN BRIEF

Notley looks nationwide for new pipeline partners

Alberta's premier says she wants at least one new "drama-free" pipeline built that will carry the province's oil to new markets. Rachel Notley told delegates to an Alberta Urban Municipalities Association convention on Thursday that she plans to achieve that through ongoing discussions with British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Experts seek better data to stop cancer

HEALTH

Mandatory long census was true loss, says oncologist

Jennifer Friesen
For Metro

Dr. Jacob Easaw was merely reworking the way data was collected for the Southern Alberta Neuro-Oncology Tumour Group when he accidentally unearthed a big surprise.

From 2012 to 2013, he found a 30 per cent jump in brain-tumour diagnoses in Calgary.

"It's kind of an unheard-of increase in frequency," said Easaw, a medical oncologist at the Tom Baker Cancer Centre.

"We're seeing more cases and we're seeing younger people.... It's becoming increasingly common, but we don't know why."

He said there are a number of potential causes — from population growth to cellphone use — but more data collection and more longitudinal studies could give some answers.

One group vying for the change is Alberta's Tomorrow Project, the first of a nationwide cohort of five longitudinal studies called the Canadian Partnership for Tomorrow Project.

Since Alberta's Tomorrow Project was first established in 2000, it has recruited 50,000 participants aged 35 to 69 with no history of malignant cancer.

By taking blood samples, issuing lifestyle surveys and tracking the subjects' health, researchers hope to unearth some clues as to what causes cancer and other chronic diseases.

"With a longitudinal study like this, you have more data from the same people over a long time," said Sharon Basaraba, spokeswoman for Alberta's Tomorrow Project.

"And when they first enrolled, they were cancer free. So not only can you compare them to each other, but you can compare earlier data from the same person to their own blood markers after a cancer diagnosis. There's better statistical power in that."

Easaw said he "wishes" Canada still had the mandatory long-form census, which the federal government abolished in 2010. He said it offered a lot of "extremely helpful" data that could have been used to track environmental and physical changes that could affect health.

It's a sentiment echoed by Meg Sears, executive director of Prevent Cancer Now in Toronto.

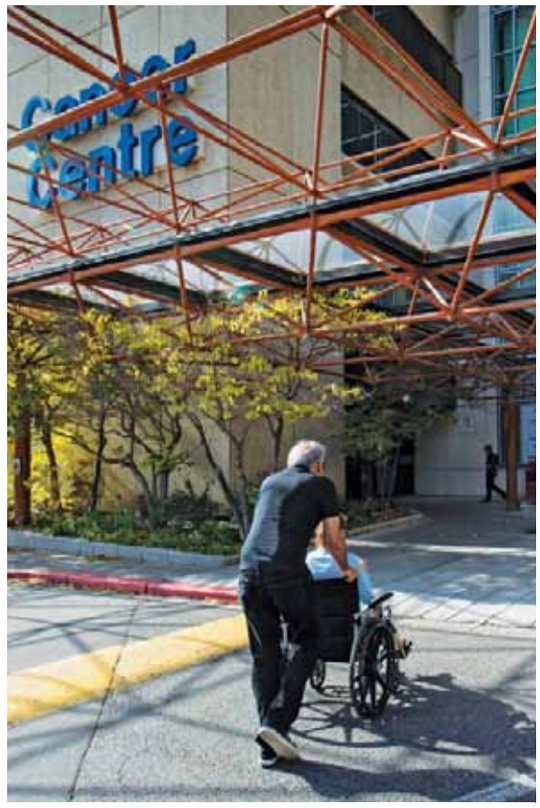
"We used to have this fine-grained data collected, and Statistics Canada had information at the health-unit level for cancer prevalence," she said. "We no longer have that information available and we can't take action without data."

As a medical oncologist, Easaw says the collection and analysis of data is "difficult" when his main job is to take care of patients. But although it's "not always easy," finding the missing connections is a worthy cause.

"Collecting data is something that should be intrinsic to how we do things, but it's not," he said. "I sincerely believe (Alberta Health Services) has recognized this, and we're much better now than we were a decade ago, but we still have a long way to go."

PREVALENCE

According to the Canadian Cancer Society, cancer is Canada's leading cause of death, with 196,900 new cases and 78,000 fatalities projected to occur in 2015.



A medical oncologist at the Tom Baker Cancer Centre said the way information is collected for medical research has "a long way to go." JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Disabled girl loses in-home therapy

BILLING

Disagreements and anger made sessions tough: Service

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Kat Henrichson's physically disabled daughter, Salem Geczi, will no longer be receiving in-home care from Renfrew Educational Services, after the organization and the family fought over how the nine-year-old was billed for her in-home therapy sessions.

Henrichson alleged she was billed for two hours during individual therapy sessions, even though therapists would spend only about an hour with Salem.

But Janice McTighe, executive director of Renfrew Educational Services, said the family wasn't "cheated."

She said 65 to 70 per cent of all bills include direct time: One-on-one therapy, family consultations and developing a child-care plan. The other 30 to 35 per cent of bills include indirect time: Therapy prep, travel time to patients' homes and documentation.

Henrichson said her contract with Family Support for Children with Disabilities (FSCD) caps out at 48 hours per year of in-home therapy sessions.

Salem, who has cerebral palsy, met that 48-hour limit, prompting Henrichson to ask Renfrew Schooling Services for a monetary breakdown of the therapists' expenditures, so she could see if her daughter could get more hours for treatment, she said.

"I just wanted to know where the money was going," she said.

Frustrated she couldn't get a clear answer, Henrichson revoked consent for Renfrew to discuss Salem's condition with the school's support staff, meaning Renfrew would have to call Henrichson every time it wanted to talk about her daughter.

> **All we do is fight to get her what she needs.**
> Kat Henrichson

Renfrew then ended in-home services for Salem. The family was difficult to deal with, McTighe said.

"They're so unhappy with us (and) they're so angry that it's very difficult for our therapists to be in the home providing services," she said. "The anger reached a level that made it extremely difficult to carry out service with that family."

Henrichson admitted she got a bit upset, but said that's what happens when you try to do all you can for your daughter.

"When we can't give her exactly what she needs, it makes me feel like a failure to my daughter."

Salem is still part of a day program at one of Renfrew's learning facilities.

Salem Geczi, who has cerebral palsy, no longer is treated by Renfrew Educational Services.
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GARAGE SALE

About 5,000 titles left by tenant being given away free

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

When Caitlin Flegel and her partner rented out their northwest Calgary garage, they had no way of knowing a store's worth of stock was building up feet away from their home.

Now Flegel doesn't just have a pile of books, but a mammoth collection — and the boxes need to go.

"There's so many books it's overwhelming," Flegel said. "I didn't realize how many there were until we actually got in there and took them all down, opened them up and saw what was in there."

She said the couple failed in repeated attempts to contact the man who owned the books. And after about a year, it's time to thin out the library collection that has fallen into her lap.

Caitlin Flegel stands in the garage that she and her partner sublet, only to find it filled with volumes once the tenant vacated. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

"We've been trying to figure out how we're going to get rid of the rest of the stuff in the garage, and the biggest component that's left is about 250 boxes of books," she said.

> **There's so many books it's overwhelming.**
> Caitlin Flegel

The garage is detached from the home and about the same size as a single-car garage, but a little longer.

After trying to sit down and calculate hauling costs of the estimated 5,000 titles, Flegel said she became overwhelmed. Hauling the books would cost them hundreds and the thought of a big garage sale didn't seem worth the effort. So she turned to the Internet for answers.

"Anytime we start thinking about it, we just get overwhelmed at the cost," she said.

After several posts to Reddit, Flegel decided to give books away, asking those coming to her free-for-all to make a donation to the food bank.

Although she'll be glad to see the books go, there are a few she may tuck away for herself. Flegel said there are a few cookbooks that have caught her eye as well as some interesting space alien titles.

The book giveaway will happen Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., outside of the garage itself, spilling into the yard, on tables. Flegel said they have every genre of book imaginable in both fiction and non-fiction.

To check out the sale contact yycbookgiveaway@gmail.com

IN BRIEF

Albertans still like Harper and his party, poll shows

The Conservatives still hold more than a 2-to-1 lead over their nearest rivals in a survey of decided voters in Alberta, according to new results from Insights West.

According to the online study — which surveyed 590 Albertans between Sept. 18 to 21 and weighted according to the Canadian census — showed the Stephen Harper-led Conservatives with a commitment from 52 per cent of decided voters.

The federal New Democrat Party was far behind at 22 per cent and losing ground, dropping four per cent from an August survey. The Liberal Party was third with 18 per cent and the Green Party is fourth with seven percent, the survey showed.

Among those voters, nearly three-fourths of voters said they wouldn't change their pick before the Oct. 19 vote.

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Madina Kanayeva, a member of the Students' Assocation of Mount Royal University, tests out the new snoozing facility on campus. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Students get nap room of their dreams

EDUCATION

Shuteye salon gets little use so far, as few know it exists

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Students scouring the Mount Royal University campus for the perfect sleep spot can finally hit the snooze.

The Students' Association of Mount Royal University has shuffled around their services to bring students a room of their dreams: a campus nap room.

"There's been a really big demand for a nap room, it's something the students have always talked about," said Madina Kanayeva, VP external for SAMRU. "We decided it would be a great opportunity to pilot the nap room for this year to see how it goes."

Kanayeva mentioned many institutions across North America are moving towards adding napping facilities to help students benefit from the many health benefits of catching a wink during the day.

So far Kanayeva said the room doesn't have much traffic because most students don't know it exists.

Rob Spencer, a second-year English major, said there's many spots students may already nap on campus.

"Not gonna lie, it does sound pretty good," said Spencer. "I'll almost certainly use them throughout the year."

Another student oblivious to the quiet heaven said once exam time rolls around the room might get lousy with sleepy students.

"I think it's a really great idea, like if you have a long break or you had a really early morning you can just go and take a nap somewhere, or even just relax some place that's completely quiet," said Gabrielle Desfosses.

> **"Not gonna lie, it does sound pretty good.**
> Rob Spencer

"I'll definitely use it, I have a lot of long gaps between classes so it would be really great to have a place like that."

The small space is now home to lounge-style chairs that are available between 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., when the room is supervised by a group of volunteers. Rules for the room include one person per chair, no talking and no phone use.

Pillows and blankets aren't included, but students dedicated to getting shuteye are welcome to bring them.

PILOT PROJECT

Fall reading week in planning stages

Students at Mount Royal University may soon enjoy not one but two reading weeks a year as the school is currently "piloting" the long-awaited fall reading week in November.

It's not because millennials are lazy, but a move many universities are making to help calm the stressful flow of school work throughout the year.

MRU spearheaded a task force to put mental health for students under the spotlight. The resulting 110-page report from 2013 suggested a wellness-focused smartphone app, improving lighting in study space and other potential initiatives to benefit learners.

"Mental health is a serious concern on campuses right now, so we're looking for all of the ways that we can to allow students some flexibility, allow them a life outside their academics," said David Cloutier, VP academic with the Students' Association of Mount Royal University.

It also spurred students to actively seek out a fall reading week, which other universities have also begun moving toward.

"Our administration has been very supportive on this issue in recognizing it's a key element of student success," said Cloutier.

This year, Phil Warsaba, associate vice-president of enrolmentmanagement at MRU, said a "pilot" that will monitor how university operations are affected for three days in November surrounding Remembrance Day may turn into a full-fledged week.

"There's a proposal out right now to run a full fall reading week…the proposal is that we're going to put it in October next to Thanksgiving," Warsaba said.

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A brand new way to criticize

OPINION

An app for judging people? What could go wrong?

IN DEFENCE OF
Mike Morrison

When's the last time you judged someone?

The fact is, we judge people all the time. We judge how someone looks, acts, talks and eats. We judge people because of what people tell us about them, or what we think we heard about them. And in case you haven't noticed, social media has made judging incredibly accessible.

You, too, can permanently brand someone with a completely biased opinion.

But what if I tell you there's a new app that would make judging and criticizing people easier than ever before! Think of it like Yelp or Trip Advisor, but instead of a business, you're judging an actual human being. Well, luckily, a pair of Calgarians has developed an app that can do just that.

If you're one of the people who misses bullying kids in high school, then Peeple is definitely going to be the app for you. The new app will allow users to rate anyone professionally, personally, or romantically. It was co-founded by Julia Cordray and Nicole McCullough, who thought of the idea after struggling to find a babysitter. It makes sense, really. If you can't trust the online reviews of the person you want to hire to care for your child, who can you trust? Your friends? Nope. Your family? Not likely. Complete strangers online? Yup. Just hand over your keys without a single critical thought. What could be easier!

Plus, this app can be used for so much more than finding a stranger to care for a loved one, or someone to mow your lawn. No, my friends, with Peeple we can finally let all the people around us know what we really think about them, without having to tell them directly to their face.

Calgary entrepreneur Julia Cordray is one of the creators of Peeple, an application that allows users to post personal, perhaps nasty, comments about their neighbours. CONTRIBUTED

Have a bad boss? Rate them! Went on a bad date? Make sure they never go on a date again! Hate the colour of your neighbours' house? With a few simple clicks they've become laughing stock of the community!

I mean, everything is subjective. Maybe you were really a bad employee, or maybe your date was terrible because you were an hour late. And your neighbours? Well, they probably had it coming. Neighbours are the worst. But none of that matters now.

Thanks to Peeple, you, too, can permanently brand someone with a completely biased opinion! If that doesn't build bridges, what does?

When Peeple comes out in November, I'm really looking forward to being able to air all of my personal grievances, all from the safety of my phone. Thanks to the app, I'll be able to potentially ruin someone's life, without all the emotional stress that would occur if I actually had to try to fix the problem face-to-face.

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Public sector safe: Premier

ECONOMY

Despite tight budget, Notley says province won't cut jobs

Premier Rachel Notley says the Alberta government will maintain public-sector services and not lay off workers despite a drop in revenue triggered by plunging resource revenues.

Notley gave some hints about the NDP's first provincial budget next month in a speech Thursday at the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association convention.

"We're going to stabilize public services and correct some mistakes the previous government made in managing finances like a $1.1- billion cut to health care and deep cuts to our schools and post-secondary institutions," she told delegates.

A budget was introduced, but never passed, by former premier Jim Prentice's Progressive Conservative before it was defeated by Notley and the NDP in May.

Finance Minister Joe Ceci has been touring the province to gather input for his budget.

He has warned that challenges lie ahead as it will be the first full fiscal year with oil at drastically reduced prices.

Ceci has already said that Alberta is on track for a record $5.9-billion deficit this year as the oil crunch hits families and businesses.

"It makes no sense to respond to layoffs and job losses in the economy by making things worse by more layoffs and more job losses," Notley said.

"I would suggest this is a basic disagreement with both of the province's conservative parties. They continue to make their case, which is about immediately laying off thousands of public servants, including teachers and nurses."

> **It makes no sense to respond to layoffs and job losses ... (with) more layoffs.**
> Rachel Notley, Alberta Premier

The current economic situation actually means the time is right for a "significant reinvestment in infrastructure, the premier said.

"We are looking carefully for useful, well-thought-out, shovel-ready initiatives that make sense to green-light this fall in the light of economic circumstances. Then there will be an additional sum we will be investing in our province's infrastructure over the course of a five-year capital plan."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Alberta government does not want to institute layoffs for public servants, including teachers and nurses. CP FILE PHOTO

ADVOCACY

Youth funding restored

An Alberta government legislative committee has voted to restore funding to the province's child and youth advocate.

Last year, the former Progressive Conservative government cut funding the advocate said was needed to do more investigations into deaths of children in government care.

In February, the Tories turned down a request to restore the $275,000 to help pay the salaries of three new investigators and two analysts. The child advocate went ahead and paid these staff anyway, but had to make cuts to the organization's budget to do it.

Tim Chander, a spokesman for the child advocate, says they are heartened by the unanimous vote Thursday to approve the restoration of the funding.

Human Services Minister Irfan Sabir praised the decision, saying he looks forward to future recommendations from the advocate on how to improve government support for vulnerable people. METRO/ WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Who says you can't get good grub on campus? There's a wealth of variety in Mac Hall at the University of Calgary and we've been told you just need to try it all. JENNIFER FRIESEN/METRO

U of Calgary serves up variety

FOOD

Student gives advice on culinary hits and misses

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Students on the hunt for brain food at the University of Calgary don't have far to go. But when faced with a mammoth variety on campus, it can sometimes be difficult to weed out the good bad and ugly when it comes to campus food.

Whether you're a bang-per-buck kind of kid, or you just want a healthy and quick option, Metro has you covered. Our investigative reporting has found experts ready to help weave through the hits and misses to bring you a guide to campus food.

Student Louis Welbanks, now on his way to a master's degree, gave Metro some tips for campus fare. After being at school for five years he's picked up a trick or two.

"It's good university food with good hidden gems," said Welbanks. "There's something for everyone."

He said his best piece of advice for first-years is to try everything, even if you find a favourite, because there are so many options you don't want to miss out.

For students who are dependent on residence food he said things can get monotonous, but since his first year there, service has improved.

Welbanks said students with dietary restrictions now have access to a chef in charge of making tweaked meals just for their special needs.

A campus secret for those who want a restaurant meal, but may not have time between classes, is to call ahead at the Den.

"They offer to-go, you can always give them a call," Welbanks said.

"If you want to have kind of a pub meal ... that's always a good option."

There's even a student-run council dedicated to talking out issues and making improvements.

But when it comes to coffee, Tim Hortons and Good Earth are the way to go.

FOOD CRITIC JASON GILCHRIST'S PICKS

JENNIFER FRIESEN/METRO

Korean BBQ
Gilchrist said this spot has the goods, adding it aims more at quantity than anything. It's probably going to be a good bang-for-your buck place.

JENNIFER FRIESEN/METRO

Fuel for Gold
Gilchrist describes this as the "best" place in Mac Hall, but maybe the least busy. It's great fresh food often passed up for other fried nearby treats.

JENNIFER FRIESEN/METRO

Bake Chef company
This spot is good for Vietnamese subs. Gilchrist tried the chicken sate, which he said was well seasoned.

Calgary dark folk-rock quartet Copperhead celebrates the release of its self-titled debut album on Sept. 30 at The Plaza Theatre in Kensington. KEITH SKRASTINS PHOTO

Copperhead strikes out

SCENE YYC

Calgary group capitalizing on success with its debut CD

Lisa Wilton
For Metro | Calgary

Song inspiration can come from anywhere at any time.

For Copperhead singer Liz Stevens, it came while closing down the busy 17th Avenue pub where she works as a bartender.

"It was 3:30 in the morning and I was just reflecting on how tired everybody looked," said Stevens, explaining the idea behind Sleep, one of six tracks that can be found on Copperhead's debut self-titled album.

"I see so many people come in and out and I notice a similarity. It's not an alcoholic thing.... You see a lot of people who just need a beer. People who are just trying to find their way. There's just this trudging along that happens in the bar industry sometimes. You can see it wearing down people around you. It's fun, but sometimes people use sleep as an escape from what you need to do in life. That's what the song is about."

Formed a year and a half ago, Copperhead has quickly risen up the ranks of the Calgary music scene thanks to the band's moody and well-crafted songs and Stevens' powerful yet textured vocals.

Last year, Copperhead won top prize in one of the categories at the Calgary Folk Music Festival Songwriting Competition, which led to a spot at the 2015 Folk Fest.

"It was so fun," Stevens gushed. "I've never played a show that big. It was cool to see how a festival works. We got so fortunate with that and that we were put in the limelight like that."

Stevens says as much as she enjoyed playing the Calgary Folk Fest, she's aware the band could have capitalized on the exposure more if they'd had an album to share. Better late than never, as Copperhead is readying the release of its debut CD on Sept. 30.

The record was recorded to tape at Audities Studio in Bearspaw and produced by Copperhead guitarist and co-songwriter Kirill Telichev.

"Digital tends to suck the soul out of a lot of records," explains Telichev of the band's decision to use the older recording method.

"Tape gave it a cool texture, but it also was an interesting way of keeping everybody honest of your parts, too. If you can't easily fix s—, you have to play really well. It's so easy to manipulate things in the studio that sometimes you end up with a record that sounds so perfect it's boring."

YOUR BEST BETS FOR WEEKEND ENTERTAINMENT

Friday — The Uncertainty Principle at the New Edward Gallery

Calgary artist Chris Zajko's latest exhibition features some of his most eye-catching works. The talented artist's paintings and drawings shift between a graphic illustrative style and abstract expressionism.

Friday — Culture Days Block Party

Culture Days in Calgary kicks off with a party at Olympic Plaza and Stephen Avenue Walk starting at 3:30 p.m. The family-friendly celebration showcasing local arts organizations such as the Green Fools, Calgary Korean Art Club, Alberta Printmakers, Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra and Pulse Dance Studios.

Saturday — Calgary Beer Core Awards at Distortion

The city's loudest, most aggressive punk and metal bands get their due during this super fun night. Fifteen awards are handed out in such categories as best singer, best punk band, best metal band, best venue and worst band name. Check out the Calgary Beer Core Awards Facebook page for more info.

Sunday — Walk for Thomas

In 2011, seven-year-old Thomas Mueller died from a rare form of childhood cancer called neuroblastoma. An annual walk in his honour raises funds for the Thomas Mueller Phage Display Project. The event starts at 9:30 a.m. at Queen Elizabeth Elementary School in West Hillhurst. peloton365.com

LISA WILTON/FOR METRO

Taking a fresh look at quick eats

STARTUP

Made Foods set to offer local-sourced menu items

Jennifer Friesen
For Metro

Andrea Harling, executive chef and vice president, left, and Chris Dobson, president, have set up their kitchen in preparation for the launch of their four Made Foods stores, which are set to open next month. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

After months of bustling through a hot kitchen, filling jars to the brim with pickled fruits and fresh honey, the chefs at Made Foods are almost prepped for winter.

Serving local food all-year round will be a way of life for this Calgary start-up, and after collecting food from family farms across Alberta, they're gearing up to deliver a new kind of fast food.

For Andrea Harling, executive chef and vice president of Made Foods, it all started when she saw a local farmer bring in-season produce to her restaurant, and it ended with a handshake at Starbucks.

"Sustainability's always been important, and supporting local business is key," said Harling. "And for me, seeing him dropping off whatever was in season, it clicked — that's what it's about, it's about supporting those guys, it's about how much effort goes into growing that food."

Along with Chris Dobson and Blake Ducharme, the trio sat down for coffee on 17 Avenue last year and decided to make their vision come to life.

"For years we'd been talking about food and not having good quality, healthy, real, true food available," said Dobson. "We live busy lives, and convenience is really important, so we wanted to give people options to eat healthy without having to compromise time."

An estimated 2,000 meals will be prepared in the Made Foods kitchen daily, and then delivered to each of the stores across the city. Breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks and full-fibre smoothies will range in price from $2 to $15.

Four locations will be open by the end of October, with a total of 10 expected by next year. The grand opening set at the West 85th location on Oct. 17, where they'll hand out 500 free meals to the first 500 customers.

> **"Sustainability's always been important, and supporting local business is key."**
> Andrea Harling

For Harling, making a new menu on a local diet will be a challenge, but she said she's excited to adapt to the changing seasons and rely solely on what crops are up.

"Local is really hard, because everybody talks about doing it, but following through is a different thing," she said.

"But it's something we promised ourselves, so we're doing it. As a chef, that's the best part: You never really know what's coming, it's just waiting to see what the seasons bring."

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METRO INVESTIGATES

After months, Project Watch family finally finds residence

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

In two weeks, Duane Mineault and his wife, Tanya, will be able to sleep in the same room, and their five kids will have more than a parking lot to play in.

The reason: They will have an actual home.

As Metro has chronicled over the past five months, Mineault, Tanya and their five children spent more than a year living in motels, many with bed bugs and rodents, as the government has placed them there thanks to a dearth of other affordable housing in the city.

The two south-side motel rooms the Alberta government has them in currently cost it about $10,000 a month.

The clean rooms they're living in now are a step up from where they were, of course, but they're still just motel rooms. Before they got news about the home, Mineault said he was "ready to move towns or move cities" to change the situation.

In the months since Metro first reported on the government's use of motels to house people on social assistance, which came to light after a police initiative called Project Watch flagged the motels, 118 families in Edmonton have been moved out of hotels and into housing, and social workers are attempting to help another 73.

Duanne Mineault, his wife Tanya and their children in one of two motel rooms they're currently living in. The family recently found out they will be able to move. KEVIN TUONG / FOR METRO

> **Everybody is making money off of this situation.**
> Duane Mineault

But one of the biggest barriers, said Human Services spokesman Mike Berezowsky, is the size of these families. Of the remaining 73, 32 have more than six people.

"When you have six or more members there is going to be a requirement for more rooms in the house," he said. "It's a simple matter of fact that a lot of social housing and low-income housing hasn't been built that way."

Berezowsky added many of the families struggle with landlords because they've had difficulties with mental illness or substance abuse that has seen them evicted from rental properties in the past.

Meanwhile, back at the hotel, Mineault has burned through the savings he had when he, his wife and children moved in, and it will take him some time to make it back — his doctor doesn't want him to work due to a leg injury from a car accident.

He gets cynical at times, saying it seems there's an entire industry of people working on his family's concerns without much success.

AFTERMATH

Aurora Motel manager cleans up property

Thomas Legros wants people to know the Aurora Motel is under new management.

The Aurora was one of a string of west-end motels, identified during an Edmonton Police investigation dubbed Project Watch that had become magnets for criminal activity.

The Alberta government was paying for rooms in many of the properties, but since the project came to light it has done 18 inspections of city motels and blacklisted six properties.

Legros said he heard the stories when he took over in January, but he has renovated rooms and is much more diligent about security.

"You come here at 12 a.m, 1 a.m., 3 a.m. there is going to be no change, because we have zero tolerance," he said.

The rooms have all been given a fresh coat of paint, new furniture and flooring.

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CULTURE

Art collection warehouse tours sold out

For the first time, Calgarians will finally get to see what the city has been stashing away in its public art warehouse.

But if you don't have a ticket, you're out of luck: Saturday's scheduled tours are already sold-out.

The warehouse is nothing glamorous, according to Quyen Hoang, who manages the city's warehouse collection.

But, "It's a public collection," she said. "We want people to know it and own it."

The space has more than 1,200 pieces, including everything from a century-old European sculpture of Venus to the works of Marion Nicoll, Calgary's first female teacher at the Alberta College of Art and Design.

"I love learning history through artwork — it's a way of showing our past," Hoang said.

But the warehouse also has some of the city's newer works, she added.

"(The collection) has been expanding quite a bit," said Barb Greendale, who does most of the upkeep. "It grows in spurts."

And the pieces don't just sit there, Greendale added.

In fact, she said 50 per cent of the collection is out while the other half is stored.

"It's very active," she said. "But I enjoy it."

Those who get the chance to go behind the scenes will also learn about how Greendale and Hoang protect, store and install the collection's pieces.

"Not many know where this work comes from," Hoang said. "So, it's a great opportunity to help educate people around the role the city plays maintaining the collection."

If you didn't snag a ticket, the duo plans to host another tour sometime in the future but hasn't determined a date.

JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO

Celia Perrin Sidarous, Shauna Thompson and Peta Rake want you to think about how Sidarous' images speak to you.

JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO

Blast from the past

ART

Collages hail back to colours, durability of vintage material

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Celia Perrin Sidarous isn't nostalgic about the '70s, even though many of the materials she uses to create her works come from that era.

Perrin Sidarous' work — along with Charlotte Moth's — is part of the Esker Foundation's new exhibition that opens Friday.

But what she enjoys about the '70s — and the '60s and '80s, too — is the quality that comes from materials created during that time: colours were bolder and paper was sturdier, she said.

From her findings — which sometimes come from materials found in garage sales or old magazines — Perrin Sidarous spends hours assembling the materials into a collage.

Once it's perfect, she snaps a photo.

Titled "Interiors, Other Chambers," Sidarous said she hopes her pieces stop people in their tracks and let them think for a while, so they can come to their own conclusions.

Exhibition curators Peta Rake and Shauna Thompson echoed that: the goal was to let group of works that compliment — or "speak" — to each other, while engaging an audience, Thompson said.

"I hope people find connections between the photographs," Rake said. "I think how we've laid everything out will let people slow down and really think."

"Images are kind of a language," Sidarous added. "I hope that resonates."

An opening reception with the artists will be held from 6-10 p.m. at the Esker Foundation, and the works will be up until Dec. 20.

DISASTERS

Flood recovery efforts recognized

The City of Calgary has been recognized for the work done during the 2013 flood.

The City received silver in the International Association of Facilitators Impact Awards.

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Hunters take aim at more pheasants

CONSERVATION

Groups say fees play a role in protecting habitats

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

The Alberta Conservation Association is increasing the number of pheasants they're releasing this year, which is good news for hunters who routinely pursue the animals with their dogs each year.

"It provides a direct opportunity for people to become really engaged in pheasant hunting," said Mike Uchikura, habitat biologist with the Alberta Conservation Association. "There's a lot of newcomers coming into the sport and taking advantage of these release sites."

Uchikura said the increase was in response to an increase in pheasant hunting licence sales over the past few years. The Alberta Conservation Association is non-government funded, and only took over the program from the government last year.

They have also opened two new release sites this year: The South Plane Lake near Edmonton, and Ducks Unlimited Hopewell, which is just east of Calgary.

For local hunters, having a new release site close to the city allows them to go hunting more often.

"Pheasants are a very wary bird. They like to run and they like to hide," said Jordan Dorozio, vice-president of the Calgary Fish and Game Association. "Most of the guys who go out for pheasants have dogs, and what's most enjoyable is going out with your dog trying to find them."

"It's great fun. The bird cackles as it gets up, there's an explosion of colour and you try to get your wits together before he gets away."

Dustin Pate, vice-president of the Wild Rose Hunting Club, said the dogs are important not only in hunting, but recovering birds that have been shot down.

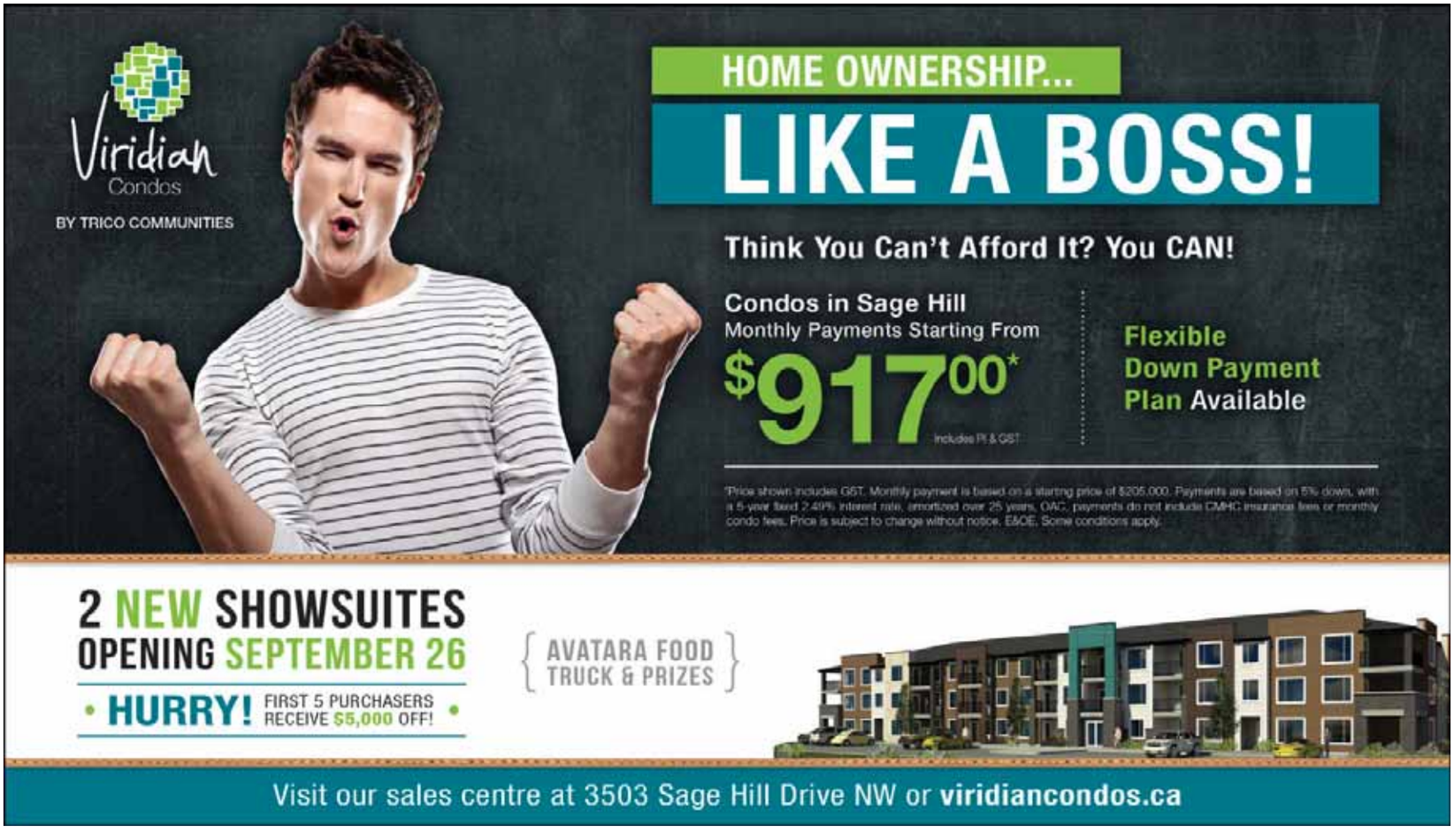
"It would be tough for us to recover every bird that was shot without the use of these trained dogs," he said. "If we were out there without a dog, if you can't recover 10 per cent of your birds, that's a pretty big impact on pheasant numbers."

Uchikura said the hunting season, which is open now in Calgary and northern Alberta and opens in October for southern Alberta, helps to increase wildlife habitat with the boost in money from licence sales. He said by having a strong support group of pheasant hunters, they can increase the habitat potential in those areas.

8,000

The number of additional birds being released this year, bringing the total to 25,000.

The Alberta Conservation Association has increased the pheasant release in Alberta to help boost licence sales. COURTESY DON MHYRE



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Derek Ball now works in San Francisco, but keeps most of his staff in Calgary. His platform AtVenu is used by some of the biggest names in music. BRODIE THOMAS/ METRO

Festival startup hits all high notes

ENTREPRENEURS

Music industry goes wild for AtVenu app

Brodie Thomas
For Metro | Calgary

Derek Ball rarely has trouble scoring tickets to any show or music festival he wants these days.

After developing an app called AtVenu that helps artists track their merchandise at live shows, he's made some pretty big connections in the music industry.

"We work with some monsters — some of the biggest names in the industry," he said.

Eric Clapton, John Mayer, Kid Rock, Miranda Lambert, Train, and Fallout Boy are just some of the artists that now use Ball's platform. Big name festivals such as Coachella and South By Southwest are also using AtVenu.

Ball and two other co-founders launched the company three and half years ago, raising $2.75 million US in capital. He said that's just a fraction of the $14 million he raised with a previous startup, but he said it was more than enough to get things rolling. He says the company is capital efficient.

"It's not a dot-com type platform. It's a real business with real customers in an interesting industry."

Although now living in San Francisco, the former Calgarian flies back regularly to meet with his core crew of seven staff who still work right here. AtVenu also has two staff in Los Angeles.

"These days, a lot of my co-founder friends in Silicon Valley say if you could be in any other location, why wouldn't you?"

While Calgary is working well for his business, he doesn't think it will become tech hub in the same way as Vancouver or Toronto.

"Do I hold out hope that Calgary will be come a tech hub? Frankly, not really. But Calgary has a lot of great engineers and a lot of entrepreneurs."

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TECHNOLOGY

Fifteen years of work pays off for city's AppCarousel

Aaron Chatha
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In 2000, CEO Emanuel Bertolin was part of a small team who started a company in Calgary called WMode. In 2011, he spun a new company called AppCarousel — which focused on cloud and app-management services for mobile devices — out of the WMode umbrella.

On Thursday, AppCarousel was acquired by an American company, AppDirect, and Bertolin said he couldn't feel more satisfied, growing something out of nothing over 15 years.

AppCarousel creates products like dashboard applications for luxury cars and textbook management systems for classroom tablets. Bertolin said now his products will reach a larger, worldwide market.

"It's very satisfying, because when we started the company, we walked through some very difficult times," he said. "We walked through some economic downturns, we started up and 9/11 happened. So we joke about walking through the desert a couple of times while we built the company."

Kevin Swan, left, and Emanuel Bertolin play with tablets hosting their app management systems. AARON CHATHA/METRO

Bertolin said the acquisition will also bring more jobs to the Calgary software sector. He anticipates the company will grow by 20 per cent by the end of the year. He feels the programming and software companies in Calgary often get swept under the rug of Alberta's oil and gas industry, which makes it harder for them to raise capital.

Kevin Swan, head of corporate development for AppDirect, currently lives in the Silicon Valley, but originally grew up in Alberta.

"This kind of brings it full-circle actually," said Swan. "There's a talent here. It's more the younger edge, who don't want to work in oil and gas companies, who want to do something more creative, more leading edge. Something they like to talk about and have an interest in."

Bertolin said many of their employees come from local universities.

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FIND OUT WHAT MAKES THE CALGARY STAMPEDERS' HALL OF FAME PLAY-BY-PLAY MAN TICK IN OUR ONGOING LOOK AT PLAYERS, COACHES, STAFF AND FANS OF THIS CITY'S CFL CLUB

MEMORABLE LEGACY

CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

Calgary Stampeders Hall of Fame play-by-play broadcaster Mark Stephen hangs out near Glenmore Landing, a place where he is often found walking his dog Penny. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

Mark Stephen may not be well known if you were to see him on the street, but he has a voice that is familiar to all Calgary Stampeder and sports fans. As sports director/host of News Talk 770 Sports Talk and in his 20th season as the play-by-play broadcaster of the Stampeders, the CFL Hall of Famer has positioned himself as one of the trusted names in sports broadcasting in Canada. He now talks with Metro about life, sports, and how he likes to unplug.

The Legacy

In 2013, Stephen was inducted into the CFL Hall of Fame, and he has called over 400 Stampeder games in his career. What seems like an already impressive career under his belt, Stephen hopes to leave a lasting impression on sports fans when the time comes to hang up his headset.

"I hope my legacy is as someone who was passionate about (the game) and cared about (the game) and hopefully brought the games to life for the people," said Stephen.

"Just that I entertained and informed football fans of now and many generations."

Since the start of his career, he has been able to keep fans informed and up-to-date on all happenings of the team in a way that hits a large audience.

"I get lots of texts from people who say they turn down the TV sound and turn us up on the radio," said Stephen.

Memorable Games

Aside from four Grey Cup wins for the Red and White that Stephen has called, there are two games that really stand out to him over his broadcasting career — both against the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

The first was in 2000 when it was an especially hot game in Saskatchewan and the game was tied 52-52.

"The players were just gassed, I was gassed — never mind that I didn't even have to play," said Stephen.

The second was in July 2012 when the Stamps hosted the Roughriders and made a miraculous comeback with six minutes remaining in the fourth quarter to comeback from a 17-point deficit.

"I was just buzzing," said Stephen. "I couldn't get to sleep until about 2:30 a.m. because I was just so wound up about it."

Family Life

Like athletes, the life of anyone in the sports world can be difficult on the family. Lots of long late nights away from home, as well as time out on the road, but for Stephen, he has been able to balance both the work and home life.

"It's busy, but we juggle around quite a bit," said Stephen. "Sometimes I'm away at night, but sometimes I can be around in the morning to take the kids to school."

Family time also extends to the field for Stephen, as his cohort attends all the Stampeders home games.

Stephen's wife of 21 years, Cindy, is no stranger to the life of a media personality as she carved out her own career in the same industry as a communications professional and a freelance writer.

When they spend time together, they like to watch old movies and take drives to historical sites.

Famous Family

Stephen isn't the only family member to have achieved fame in his household. His beloved pooch Penny had her own 15-minutes of fame back in 2007. The Stephen family appeared on the reality show At the End of My Leash where their dog received extensive training to help with behaviour issues.

"They were training Penny to be a better dog — and it worked," said Stephen.

Penny is now 10-years-old and remains as one of the important members of the family to Stephen, his wife and three children Allison, Brent and John.

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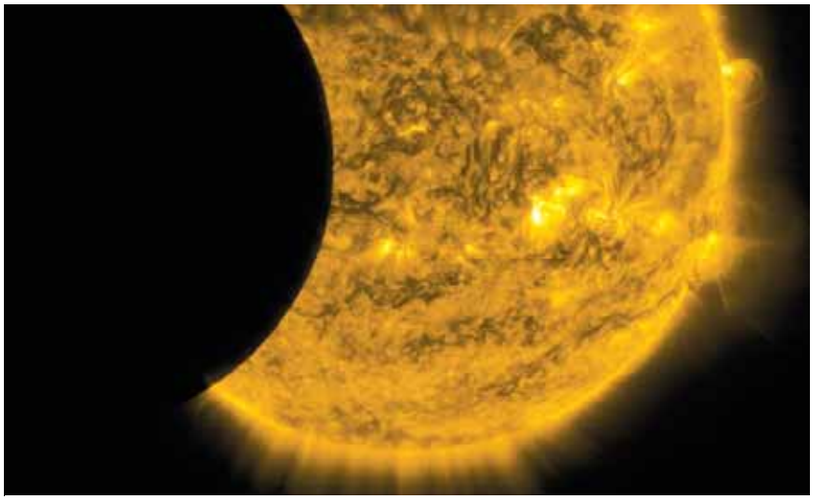

This Sept. 13 image provided by NASA shows the moon, left, and the Earth, top, transiting the sun together, seen from the Solar Dynamics Observatory. NASA/SDO/THE ASSOCIATED PRES

Forecast clear for lunar eclipse

WEATHER

No telescope needed, says astronomer

Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

City skies don't lend themselves to stargazing, but this Sunday's lunar eclipse is an event not to be missed, according to one Calgary astronomer.

Jeroen Stil, associate professor of astronomy at the University of Calgary said anyone with a clear view of the eastern sky should have no problem watching the eclipse, weather permitting.

"This is a great event to watch with kids. It's not particularly late. You don't need a telescope — you can just watch it happen," he said.

Those who do have telescopes will probably want to get them out for a closer look. Stil added binoculars are also perfect for watching a lunar eclipse.

He said the shadow of the earth should start to become visible around 7:07 p.m. on Sunday evening, just as the moon is rising in the southeast.

For about an hour, spectators will be able to see the shadow of the earth creep across the surface of the moon. Still said it is interesting to watch the edge of the shadow at this time.

"The edge of the earth's shadow is not a sharp edge — it's a bit fuzzy because of our atmosphere."

The total eclipse will begin at 8:11 p.m. and last until 9:23 p.m. During that time the moon will appear as a dark red colour. Then the events of the first hour will play out in reverse.

Stil said the spectacle will be even more impressive because the moon is going to be as close to the earth as it ever gets.

In the media, it is often referred to a "supermoon" but Stil prefers the more scientific description of the moon being "at perigee" — the lowest point in orbit.

"It's rare to have that eclipse coincide with the perigee of the moon, so the moon appears somewhat bigger, because it's closer. "

NATIONAL GATHERING

CBE director honoured with Indigenous educator award

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Calgary Board of Education learning director Elizabeth Gouthro believes there isn't one solution, action or strategy to help learners from the aboriginal community — but through initiatives aimed at engaging the community, a difference can be made.

That's why Gouthro, a non-indigenous educator, has been selected to receive an Indigenous educator award in the category of Partner in Indigenous Education at the annual Indspire National Gathering for Indigenous Education. Gouthro is aware of the unique challenges aboriginal students face.

"We have some extremely gifted aboriginal students," she said.

"I think it's important to understand, sometimes when we say aboriginal students, people don't understand that many of them are successful. But some of the children and their families who aren't successful really suffer from the impact of poverty and the impact of residential schools — that's multi-generational."

Gouthro and her team at the CBE have been responsible for creating the Circle of Nations Museum, which housing aboriginal artifacts given to the CBE. The CBE has also been approved to build the Aboriginal Learning Centre, which is scheduled to open in Fall 2016.

Elizabeth Gouthro.
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According to Mr. Holst, increased sales from the last few months have resulted in an overstock of tradeins. "In the last three months our sales have increased at a higher than expected rate", Holst said. "Now, we have too many cars and trucks on our used lot and must reduce this to a more manageable number.

During this Used Vehicle Clear Out Sale every used car and truck will be sold with discounts from 10% up to 50% off the original asking price. Our customers will find these prices thousands of dollars lower than our competition and even lower than the auctions." Mr. Holst Said. Auction bidding often inflates the true value of a car so you pay more. Here every car and truck is on sale up to 50% off, first come first served and no bidding.

It's the perfect opportunity to get a good quality used car at the lowest price in the city. All cars are on display at **Stampede Toyota on Barlow Trail, 2 blocks north of the Trans Canada Highway.** This Sale is one day only, doors opening at 8:30 am. Those who arrive early will get the best selection.

Prices will be posted on the windshields and customers will be given the opportunity to purchase the vehicle at these amazingly reduced sale prices. This unheard of approach to selling used vehicles will make it easy and quick for anybody in the market for a good used vehicle to get a great car or truck at a very low price with no hassle or the need for endless haggling.

One of Calgary's largest import dealers is overstocked and is forced to sell used cars and trucks for as low as 50% OFF Tomorrow September 26th, 2015, during a one-day sale event.

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"Since we are a local business we would like to give back to the community we are in," Mr. Holst said. "We would rather allow local people to buy these overstocked vehicles than have to wholesale them at an auction."

All cars will be clearly marked with discounts from 10% up to 50% for the entire day. Be sure to get down there early for best selection and take advantage of this opportunity to get the vehicle you have been waiting for, at the price you have been waiting for.

Due to the volume of sales during this event, please no telephone inquiries.

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Symbol of Mexican pride now in place

DEVONIAN GARDENS

Sculptor called one of the world's greats

Jennifer Friesen
For Metro

Standing 11 feet tall and gleaming with a purple sheen, Roseta is the latest sculpture to join the city's public art collection.

Roseta was created by the renowned Mexican sculptor Sebastián, who donated the work to Calgary in 2011 with the help of the government of Mexico, consulate of Mexico and Q'Max Solutions Inc.

2004
Year of Roseta's creation

After its arrival in Calgary, extensive conservation work began to repair chips on the distinctive purple finish. Now, four years later, Roseta was unveiled on Thursday at its new home in the Devonian Gardens.

According to the consulate of Mexico's Ramon Fosado, having the nation's culture present in public spaces is "very important" to the 6,000 Mexican Canadians living in Calgary.

"It's quite an accomplishment," he said. "Especially considering the development of the city and how we have progressed in being here in the last 10 years."

One of the "most celebrated artists in the world," Sebastián is known for making monumental pieces out of steel and concrete, said public art program co-ordinator Quyen Hoang.

"We are very happy to welcome this piece into the public art collection," she said. "Generations of Calgarians will be able to enjoy it."

Gisela Romero performs The Voice of El Bajio from Mexico, to the crowd gathered in the Devonian Gardens to see the unveiling of Roseta. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

LABOUR

U of C support staff reach agreement

Support staff at the University of Calgary have ratified a new, three-year collective agreement.

Dale Perry of the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees says it was a long but productive round of negotiations.

The new deal runs until March 30, 2018.

Employees will receive a two per cent wage increase retroactive to April 1, 2015, a 2.25-per-cent increase in April 2016 and a 2.25-per-cent increase in April 2017.

Other highlights include improvements to shift and weekend premiums, vacation and extended health benefits.

Paige McPhearson, Alberta director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, calls the deal worrisome, saying it will set the precedent for contract talks with other government agencies.

"This really becomes the baseline for public-sector negotiations," she said. "That's unfortunate, because what other sector in the province ... have set wage increases and enriched benefits right now, that are actually retroactive? That is so out of touch with the private sector."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Man charged over child porn after search of home

Alberta law-enforcement officials have arrested and charged a man after investigators say they found a huge collection of child sex-abuse videos in his home.

A search warrant was executed at the home of Robert Jeffrey Williams, 27, in Medicine Hat on Sept. 3.

At the time of the search, Williams was out of the country. He was arrested on Sept. 22 at the Calgary International Airport.

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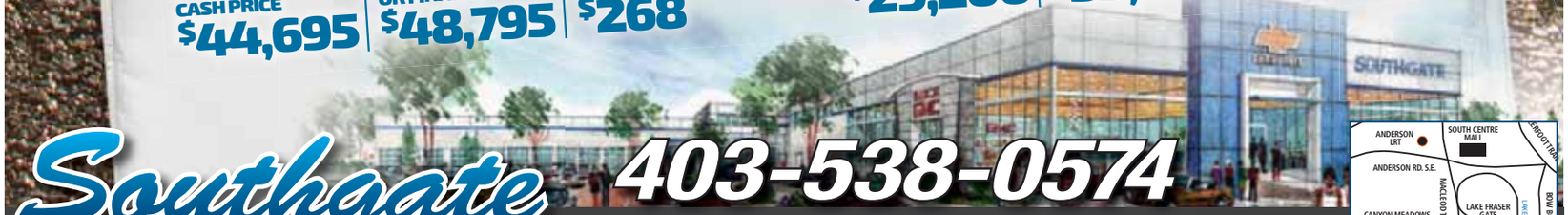

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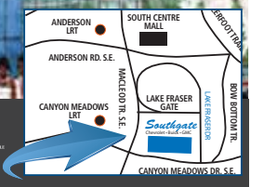

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MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY

Prof says disabled student's view unfair

The professor involved in a controversy at Memorial University of Newfoundland says a hearing-impaired student who claims she failed to accommodate him has "selective amnesia."

In a statement released to local radio station VOCM, history professor Ranee Panjabi says William Sears rejected her offer to discuss alternatives to the FM transmitter, which he said he needed to hear lectures.

"I was completely taken aback as I am used to students being courteous enough to listen, not rebuff a discussion in that regrettable manner," Panjabi wrote in the signed letter dated Sept. 24.

Panjabi says the third-year student abruptly walked out of class instead of letting her explain that the hearing device would not allow him to hear discussions involving classmates or videos shown as part of her instruction, leaving him at a disadvantage.

"While Mr. Sears rebuffed any discussion with me — discussion that would have resolved this matter satisfactorily — he proceeded to provide his version — which regretfully displayed flashes of selective amnesia — to every media source he could garner."

Panjabi notes she holds a law degree and says a 1996 agreement with the school allowing her to refuse to wear the device on religious grounds is binding.

In her letter, Panjabi says she was "somewhat surprised" by Sears's request to wear the FM transmitter because they had previously conversed "quite normally" while he sat in the front row of the class and she sat in a chair behind a table.

She also says the school's Blundon Centre for Students with Disabilities didn't properly inform her of the need for accommodation before Sears arrived at her class Sept. 10. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mohamed Fahmy with his wife Marwa Omara in Cairo, Egypt, Wednesday. AMR NABIL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fighting for a free future

JAILED JOURNALIST

For Fahmy, battle for open press in Egypt continues

Mohamed Fahmy is filled with ideas for his future as a free man.

Mere hours after being released from a Cairo prison, the Canadian journalist who spent nearly two years fighting widely decried terror charges is eager to discuss the next stage of his fight for freedom of the press in Egypt.

"It's a whole new chapter, it's like being born again," he said as the reality of his liberty began to sink in. "I just have so much inside me that I want to let out."

When he was sent to prison for the second time in the same case last month, Fahmy began working on what he called a charter of rights for journalists in Egypt. Before he leaves Cairo for Canada in a few days he wants to present his document to Egypt's President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi who pardoned him.

"I want to build on what happened with this case and explain to him some of the issues that journalists face here on the ground," he said. "I will continue fighting to get at least little victories to a real true free press."

Fahmy's long-running legal saga has drawn attention from around the world ever since he and two colleagues were arrested in December 2013 while working for satellite news broadcaster Al Jazeera English.

The trio — who maintained their innocence throughout — were charged with offences that included supporting a banned organization and fabricating footage to undermine the country's national security. They were convicted in a trial that observers called a sham and sentenced to years in prison. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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VOTER PROFILE

Name: Cory Nicotine **Age:** 26 **Riding:** Edmonton Manning
His issues: Energy, environment, First Nations rights, arts

A vote for the future of First Nations Canadians

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
in Edmonton

"This is where everything changed for me."

Cory Nicotine sits in a hallway at iHuman Youth Society in Edmonton, in the downtown neighbourhood known as the Quarters — home to parking lots and social-outreach groups, crime and Chinese restaurants — not far from scenic parks of the river valley.

This is the organization where he came for help when he got into petty trouble with the law, and was recruited for a theatre project that "gave me a voice that I never thought I had." iHuman made him a youth mentor, a community organizer, and led his political awakening.

"If there's one question I got, if I see any of the potential prime ministers," he says, "it would be: What would Canada look like for a young person like me, First Nations person, living on or underneath the minimum wage? What would it look like under their power or control?"

At 26, and though two federal elections have passed since he turned 18, this will be Nicotine's first time voting for Canada's next leader.

"I want to exercise my right. It's something indigenous people never got to do before. It's one way we could voice our opinions."

Nicotine has worries, and he's hoping the election can bring solutions and answers. Are major oil pipelines safe? Who will get the royalties? And what does it mean for First Nations near the oilsands?

Nicotine wants to see an inquiry into missing-and-murdered indigenous women ("like everybody"), but where will the money come from? And will it be taken from funds that currently help First Nations? How can we help young people without jobs? What about affordable education?

He sees the big three political parties in broad strokes: Conservatives represent "high class, billionaire, millionaire people. Liberals: middle-class, family people. NDP is looking for people trying to come up and make it."

That's Nicotine, who grew up "with nothing, wearing the same shoes and same clothes for about a year." But he hasn't decided who to vote for, yet.

Nicotine has worked on an art project with the NDP candidate in his riding, Aaron Paquette, who he calls a good guy with a good heart. He'd been thinking NDP, "because Jack Layton was a cool dude." But now, the party "is different from when Jack Layton ran it." He's not so sure about Tom Mulcair. He thinks Justin Trudeau also seems like a "good guy," and he likes the Liberals' plan to decriminalize marijuana, even though he doesn't smoke it.

He wants a Canada that stands for multiculturalism and welcomes refugees, that listens to the will of its indigenous peoples, that is a world leader in environmental protection.

As for federal politics impact on his own life, "I haven't seen much help from the government," he says. "I've lived on a reserve and I've lived in the city, and nothing, I feel, has gotten better."

But Nicotine, who is also a filmmaker, has had the opposite: what a government can take away. A few years ago, he was set to go to Africa, where he'd already been as a Canada World Youth leader, and make a documentary. Then the Conservatives cut arts funding. "It could have been a life-changing experience for me. There was so much I was hoping for in that."

Rosemary Westwood is travelling across the country talking to young voters. On Monday she'll be in Calgary.

Playing the vote-swapping market

Tight ridings have plenty to offer with the right strategy

Jessica Smith Cross
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Claire Nielsen is offering a trade: She'll (*gasp*) vote Liberal for you, if you'll vote Green or NDP for her.

Nielsen, a 21-year-old graphic- design student from the British Columbia riding of South Surrey–White Rock is looking for someone to vote-swap with.

"If you live in a riding that could go NDP or Green and you want to #voteswap hmu. Willing to vote NDP, Green, or (shudder) Liberal. #cdnpoli," she recently tweeted.

Nielsen would like to vote Green, or if not Green, then NDP, but she doesn't think either of those options are likely to count for much in South Surrey–White Rock.

"We've typically gone Conservative before, and that's what I'm trying to avoid," she said. So in comes the political calculus.

A recent vote projection for her riding by threehundredeight.com, suggests the Liberals are most likely to unseat the incumbent Tories. So, if Nielsen can find a suitable swapping partner — that is, a Liberal supporter in a riding where the NDP or Greens are in a close race with the Conservatives — she would pledge to vote Liberal in her riding on her behalf of her swapping partner, in exchange for her partner's promise to vote NDP.

But Nielsen hasn't yet found a match. She's worried her riding isn't close enough.

In the vote-swapping marketplace, where a voter's value is measured by their ability to affect outcomes, those in safe ridings have little to offer. And given that this is largely an anti-Harper movement, voters in safe Conservative ridings are the least valuable of all.

Those who find themselves in Nielsen's shoes might have better luck checking out some of the vote-swapping websites that have cropped up during this campaign.

Jim Harris, a former leader of the Green Party, runs one of them: voteswapping.ca. The site, which is expressly devoted to defeating the Conservatives, shows users who enter their postal code a rundown of some recent polling and predictions for their riding. NDP supporters living in swing ridings where the Conservatives are in a tight race with the Liberals, and Liberals supporters living in swing ridings where the Conservatives are in a tight race with the NDP are invited to swap.

Green supporters are invited to swap votes with NDP and Liberal supporters in the one riding where the Greens might win: Elizabeth May's riding of Saanich-Gulf Islands. (Some have credited vote-swapping for May's victory in 2011.)

Harris thinks it won't take too many vote-swappers to make a big difference.

"In 2011, Harper won his majority with 14 seats," he said, "and when you look at the difference between the Conservative winner and the second place in the 14 closest ridings, it's 6,201 votes.

"So about 6,000 votes out of about 11.8 million gave Harper his majority."

VISUALIZATION

Sample swapping scenarios

SCENARIO 1:

A Liberal supporter in Kootenay-Columbia
NDP: 37%
Conservatives: 37%
Liberals: 15%

swaps with

An NDP supporter in Eglinton-Lawrence
Liberals: 37%
Conservatives: 35%
NDP: 24%

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Ridings were decided by 5% or less in the 2011 election.

SCENARIO 2:

A Liberal supporter in Saskatoon-University
NDP: 37%
Conservatives: 37%
Liberals: 22%

swaps with

An NDP supporter in Fredericton
Liberals: 37%
Conservatives: 32%
NDP: 20%

Leaders face off over the niqab

ELECTION 2015

Controversial garment leads to heated exchanges

The politically charged subject of minority and women's rights created unusual on-stage alliances — and one of the most heated exchanges of the campaign — during the first French-language debate of the federal election.

Health care, the right to die with dignity, the Senate and the economy also came up Thursday during the first half of the debate, hosted by Radio-Canada in Montreal.

But the question of whether Muslim women who wear the face-covering niqab should be required to show their face while taking the citizenship oath was one of the most widely anticipated discussion points.

Conservative Leader Stephen Harper and the Bloc Quebecois' Gilles Duceppe had both run pointed television ads expressing the controversial position that women who wear the veil should be made to remove it during the ceremony.

Thursday night's debate in French offered a rare opportunity to hear from all the leaders.
ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"We're talking about a fundamental question; it's the question of equality between men and women in our society," said Duceppe, who promised the Bloc's first bill in the Commons would be extend a ban on the veil to other areas, such as public servants.

> **Where is the inquiry on missing and murdered aboriginal women?**
> Elizabeth May

Although NDP Leader Tom Mulcair and Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau are going head to head for seats in Quebec, they wound up on the same page on the issue — they didn't think a woman should be told how to dress.

"I understand it's a question that makes many people uneasy, but for me, the state is there to defend minority rights, and to defend the rights of women," Trudeau said.

That led to a tense moment during the debate that featured Harper and Mulcair facing each other directly, talking loudly over each other.

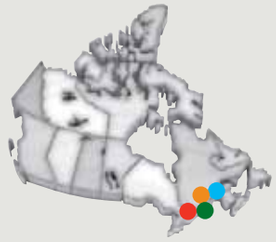
"Mr. Mulcair, I will never tell my young daughter that a woman should cover her face because she is woman. That's not our Canada, that's not acceptable for me," Harper said.

"Attack the oppressor, don't attack the woman, Mr. Harper ... have the courage to do that," Mulcair said. "But it's not by depriving these women of their citizenship and their rights that you're going to succeed in helping them."

Green party Leader Elizabeth May called the issue a "fake debate" that has nothing to do with important questions on climate change, unemployment and the economy.

"For women's rights, where is the inquiry on missing and murdered aboriginal women?" she asked. THE CANADIAN PRESS

WHERE THE LEADERS ARE FRIDAY



- **Stephen Harper** will be in Riviere-du-Loup, Que.
- **Justin Trudeau** will be in Ottawa.
- **Tom Mulcair** will be in Quebec City.
- **Elizabeth May** will be in Montreal.

Sexting leads to legal morass

TECHNOLOGY

Archaic laws leave teen couples facing hefty charges

When authorities discovered that a high school couple had sent each other nude selfies, the two 16-year-olds were plunged into a legal morass with the potential to be branded sex offenders for life.

The North Carolina teens were accused of being both the victims of child pornography and the perpetrators of the crime. And under a quirk in the law, the legal system treated them as adults for purposes of prosecuting them, but also considered them minors by deeming their selfies child pornography.

The case illustrates the quandary authorities face with sexting cases. Most states have yet to update child pornography laws to account for minors who are caught exchanging explicit selfies. The laws, some written decades ago, carry stiff penalties including prison time and a requirement to register as a sex offender.

Prosecuting minors for sexting can have a negative psychological impact, according to some experts. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"No one even imagined how easy it would be for anybody to have a little device in their pocket with pictures like this," said Diana Graber, co-founder of Cyberwise, a group that teaches online safety for parents and teachers.

> **It seems to me that the cure is worse than the disease.**
> Elizabeth Englander

The North Carolina case began in October 2014 when investigators were looking into a suspected statutory rape, said police Sgt. Sean Swain. The 16-year-old boy wasn't considered a suspect or witness, but authorities thought information about the case might be on his phone. Swain said the teen's mother allowed them to search his phone without a warrant.

A sheriff's office investigator found an explicit picture of his girlfriend and determined she was under 18, initiating the sexting investigation, Swain said.

Uproar over the case came after both were charged in February with multiple counts of sexual exploitation of a minor.

Eventually, the charges were reduced to misdemeanour counts of disseminating harmful materials to a minor and in September they were each given a year of probation and agreed not to possess a cellphone. If they complete the agreement, the charges will be dismissed and they can apply to have the case expunged.

Elizabeth Englander, a Bridgewater State University psychology professor, said prosecuting minors for sexting can have a negative psychological impact. "Where you have two kids who are in a relationship, they're not trying to exploit each other ... and they're exchanging these kinds of photos, it seems to me that the cure is worse than the disease," she said.

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IN BRIEF

Snowden launches privacy treaty campaign

Edward Snowden appeared in New York via video to launch a campaign promoting an international treaty to protect privacy. The former National Security Agency systems analyst appeared from Moscow via a video link Thursday at a forum in Manhattan on the so-called Snowden Treaty.

Advocates say the treaty would curtail mass surveillance of phone calls and online activity.

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Russian drones gathering intelligence on Syria

U.S. officials say Russia has begun flying drone surveillance flights over Syria. Officials say the Russians are gathering intelligence in preparation for what most expect will be the launch of fighter aircraft in the coming days. The officials say that so far there have been no problems or conflicts with the U.S. and coalition fighter aircraft that continue to bomb Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant militants. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An emergency official stands near a charter bus, left, and a Ride the Ducks amphibious tour bus that were involved in a fatal crash Thursday in Seattle. TED S. WARREN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Duck boat' strikes bus

SEATTLE

Four dead in amphibious tour vehicle collision

A "duck boat" tour vehicle and a charter bus carrying foreign college students collided on a busy Seattle bridge Thursday, killing four people and sending dozens to hospitals.

The collision happened on the Aurora Avenue bridge, which carries one of the city's main north-south highways over a lake.

At least 12 people were in critical condition, and many others suffered minor injuries, Fire Chief Harold Scoggins said.

There was no immediate word about the cause of the crash, which involved a military-style tour bus that can also be operated on water. Initial reports described the accident as a head-on collision.

A driver who was behind the duck boat said the tour bus and duck boat were headed in opposite directions.

Brad Volm, 23, of Philadelphia, said the amphibious vehicle swerved in front of him. The left front tire of the duck boat appeared to lock up, and then the vehicle swerved into the oncoming charter bus, Volm said.

Witnesses described hearing a loud screech and then seeing injured people lying on the pavement or wandering around in a daze.

Jahna Dyer, a registered nurse, said she was walking across the bridge when she came upon the scene, a mess of jumbled metal and glass. Some victims were lying on the road. Others milled about, seemingly in shock and falling down.

Dyer jumped a railing separating the sidewalk from the roadway and helped stabilize an injured man's neck. She said she also helped a woman who had a cut lip and glass in her eye.

"She was holding my hand and saying thank you," she said.

The amphibious vehicle is operated by a tour company called Ride the Ducks, which offers tours that are known for exuberant drivers and guides who play loud music and quack through speakers as they lead tourists around the city. Company President Brian Tracey called the fatal accident "devastating" and told The Seattle Times that the company continually trains and conducts ongoing education classes to ensure safety.

> **These are military craft that were never designed to navigate narrow city streets.**
> Lawyer Steve Bulzomi in a lawsuit over a 2011 accident

The safety of the amphibious boats has been questioned before. Lawyer Steve Bulzomi represented a motorcyclist who was run over and dragged by a Ride the Ducks boat that came up behind him at a stoplight in downtown Seattle in 2011.

"These are military craft that were never designed to navigate narrow city streets," Bulzomi said Thursday. "This is a business model that requires the driver to be a driver, tour guide and entertainer at the same time. It asks too much of the driver."

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RELIGION

Pope in D.C. visits Congress, homeless

Pope Francis on Thursday urged Congress and the nation to abolish the death penalty, fight global warming and embrace immigrants.

The Pope entreated the nation to share its immense wealth with those less fortunate. Lawmakers gave rousing ovations to the leader of the world's Catholics despite obvious disagreements over some of his pleas.

Francis, in deliberate and accented English, noted that many lawmakers descended from immigrants and the U.S. was founded by foreigners "who came to this land to pursue their dream of building a future in freedom."

"Let us treat others with the same passion and compassion with which we want to be treated," he said. "Let us seek for others the same possibilities which we seek for ourselves."

After he addressed Congress, the first pontiff to do so, he underscored his message by travelling directly to a downtown Washington church, where he mingled with needy and homeless people, blessed their noontime meal and walked among them while they ate.

Soon after, he headed by plane to New York, second stop on his three-city first visit to the U.S. After arriving at John F. Kennedy International Airport in Queens, he boarded a helicopter to Manhattan, where the cathedral is located.

Two sisters, 89-year-old Anna Ambrosino and 92-year-old Connie Angiolillo, waited in their wheelchairs for Francis to arrive. Angiolillo, citing her age, said this was her only chance to see him: "Next time I see the Pope," she said, "it will be in heaven."

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Summit OKs plan to deal with migrants

After months of delay and debate, European Union leaders agreed early Thursday to mount a broader, more comprehensive response to Europe's migration crisis, including ponying up more money to aid refugees in the Middle East, both to feed them and to reduce the chance they will come to Europe, and to toughen EU border controls.

"In the face of a major challenge, Europe can't just say: We will not deal with this. That would be completely wrong," said German Chancellor Angela Merkel. "We have to find answers together."

"Urgent needs" of refugees currently in the Middle East will be met with at least 1 billion euros ($1.1 billion US) in fresh EU funding to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, World Food Program and other agencies, the leaders decided. Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey and other countries dealing with refugees fleeing the Syrian civil war should also receive greater injections of EU assistance, including through a "substantial increase" in the EU's Regional Trust Fund.

Afghan refugees reach the Greek island of Lesbos, Thursday, joining the nearly half-million asylum-seekers already in Europe. PETROS GIANNAKOURIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> **Europe can't just say: We will not deal with this.**
> Angela Merkel

The leaders agreed to beef up border controls by providing more resources, including personnel and equipment from their countries, to help Frontex, the EU's border agency, Europol and other EU organizations. By November, new EU dedicated teams will be fully deployed to assist local authorities in Greece and Italy — where most people have been arriving — with identification, fingerprinting and registration to see whether they qualify for asylum.

The leaders called for stepped-up dialogue with Turkey, home to nearly two million refugees, as well as assistance to non EU-member countries in the Balkans through which large numbers of refugees now transit. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan is expected to visit Brussels Oct. 5. Member states should also contribute more to stabilize African countries that have become a source of displaced persons, the leaders said.

The EU summit called for a "renewed UN-led international effort" to end the war in Syria, which it said has driven an estimated 12 million people from their homes. To broker peace in Syria, Merkel said, "you have to talk to a lot of actors, and that includes (President Bashar) Assad."

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AUCTION

Diamond could net $28M

A pink diamond the size of a postage stamp is going on the auction block and it's estimated to bring as much as $28 million US.

The 16.08-carat gem could set a record for a cushion-shaped fancy vivid pink diamond when it's offered at Christie's in Geneva on Nov. 10.

The auction house says it's the largest diamond of its kind to come to auction.

A smaller, 8.72-carat pink diamond of the same shape and fancy vivid pink grade sold for $15.9 million US at auction in May.

Fancy vivid pink means the hue is of the purest and strongest saturation.

Christie's says the seller purchased it 10 years ago as an investment.

A 25-carat emerald-cut pink diamond holds the auction record for any diamond. It sold for $46 million US in 2010.

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SAUDI ARABIA

Over 700 hajj pilgrims killed in crush near holy site

Two giant waves of Muslim pilgrims collided at an intersection Thursday near a holy site in Saudi Arabia, and more than 700 people were crushed and trampled to death in the worst disaster at the hajj in a quarter-century.

"People were climbing over one another just to breathe," said Abdullah Lotfy of Egypt. "It was like a wave. You go forward and suddenly you go back."

The hajj, which drew two million people from over 180 countries this year, is a huge logistical challenge for Saudi Arabia. The kingdom has spent billions of dollars to accommodate the growing number of pilgrims and maintain safety and security at Islam's holy cities of Mecca and Medina for the annual event.

Saudi Interior Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Mansour al-Turki said that initial reports showed two crowds coming from opposing directions converged at an intersection in Mina, on the outskirts of Mecca, when the pushing and shoving started. "Unfortunately, these incidents happen in a moment," al-Turki said at a news conference.

100,000

About 100,000 security forces were deployed to manage the crowds and provide security for this year's hajj, with 5,000 CCTV cameras in Mecca and Medina.

But four survivors questioned how officials managing the flow of people could allow two big crowds going in different directions to intersect on streets packed with pilgrims.

As of late Thursday, the death toll was 719, but that probably would rise as bodies continued to be counted. At least 863 people were injured.

Over the years, the Saudi government has expanded Mecca's Grand Mosque that houses Islam's most sacred site, the cube-shaped Kaaba. The government also uses sophisticated face-counting technology installed at a multistory structure in Mina known as the Jamarat Bridge, near where the tragedy occurred. The wide ramps and technology are designed to ease the pressure of the crowds and prevent pilgrims from being trampled.

Unlike the wide ramps leading to Jamarat, the streets amid the tents in Mina are narrow. The street where the accident took place is about 12 metres (36 feet) wide, with tall gates to the left and right. Behind the gates are the tents of hajj tour groups, organized by nationality.

It was the second major accident during this year's hajj season. On Sept. 11, a construction crane crashed down onto the Grand Mosque, killing 111 people and injuring more than 390.

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Bees evolving with climate change

EVOLUTION

Tongues of two species shorten as wildflower variety changes

The tongues of two Rocky Mountains species of bumblebees are about one-quarter shorter than they were 40 years ago, evolving that way because climate change altered the buffet of wildflowers they normally feed from, according to a study published Thursday in the journal Science.

In one of these species, the tongue had been half the size of the bee's body. But because the flowers where the long tongue is required have dwindled, the bees didn't need that much tongue. Keeping long tongues requires bees use more energy, so the bees evolved a shorter tongue that allows them to sample a wider variety of flowers, said study lead author Nicole Miller-Struttmann at the State University of New York, Old Westbury.

While biologists have tracked how global warming has altered the developmental, migration, timing and other behaviour in plants and animals, what makes this study unusual is the physical changes in the bees, said study co-author Candace Galen at the University of Missouri.

A Queen bumblebee collects nectar from flowers of the alpine wildflower. CANDACE GALEN/SCIENCE VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"It speaks to the magnitude of the change of the climate that it's affecting the evolution of the organisms," Galen said. "It's a beautiful demonstration of adaptive evolution."

Sydney Cameron at the University of Illinois wasn't part of the study, but praised it as well conducted and significant for the ecosystem of mountain flowers.

The team of biologists studied the bees on three isolated mountaintops in the Rockies, where they had been the most dominant species around. Not so much anymore, Miller-Struttmann said. The longer tongued of the two bees, the golden belted bumblebee, shrank from 50 per cent of all the bees to 20 per cent, she said.

Because these were so isolated and so high — more than 10,000 feet (3,000 metres) — pesticides and pathogens, often blamed for bee declines, weren't a problem, the scientists said. Something else had to be an issue. They compared the bees to those of 40 years ago or more and found the tongues dramatically shorter.

They also found that the temperature in the area had warmed by about 3.6 degrees since the 1960s and the type and amount of flowers had changed. At first, the scientists figured the flowers were evolving with the bees, as often happens over long time periods in nature, but Miller-Struttmann said that's not the case.

"The silver lining is that (the bees) are evolving very quickly," Miller-Struttmann said. "The story may not be as rosy for the flowers."

Galen worries that without long-tongued bees, some flowers will falter. Also, she said shorter tongue bees often "cheat" and bite a hole in the flower's side, which doesn't help the plant spread its seeds.

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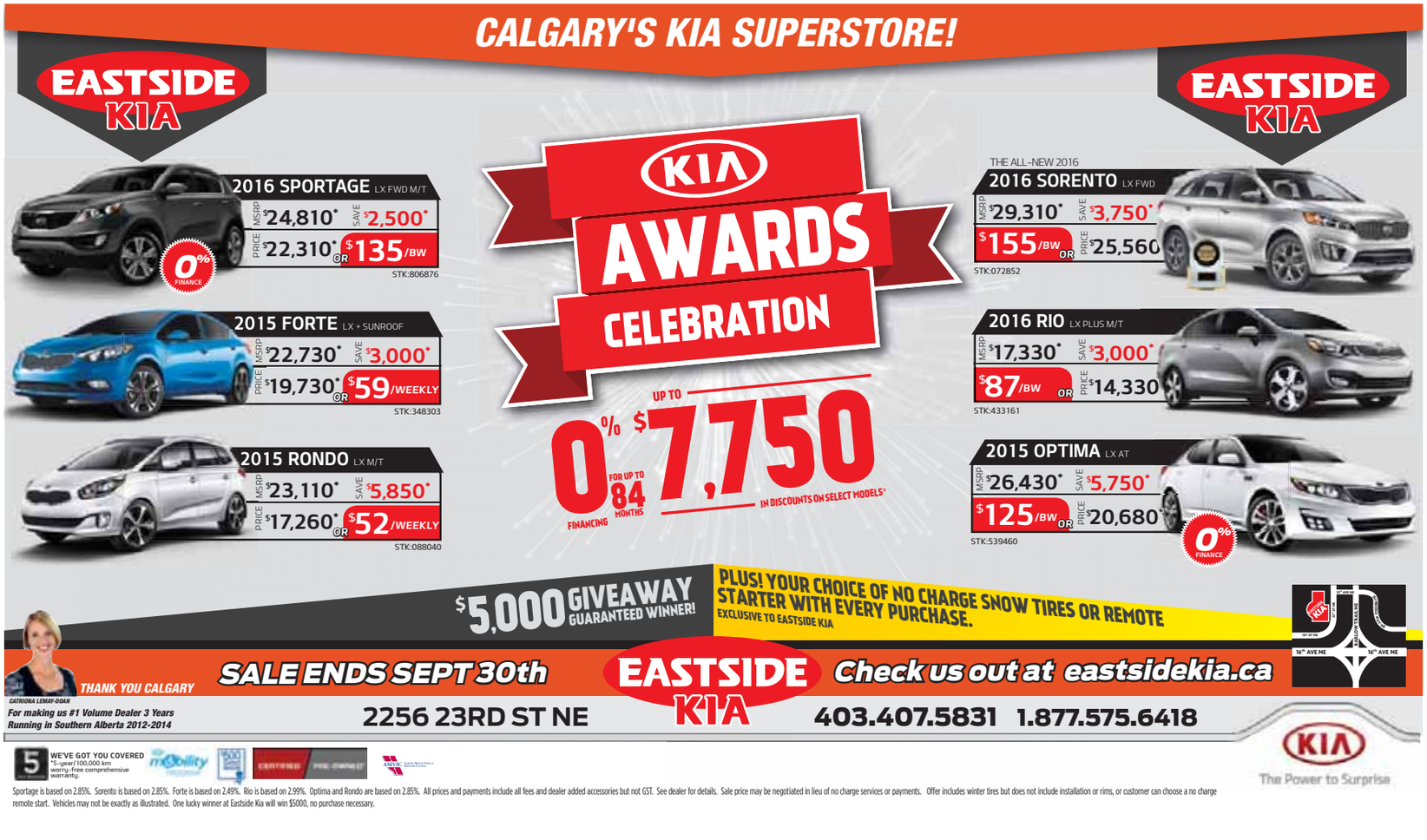

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PHONE FANS RAIN CAN'T DAMPEN THEIR FERVOUR More than 50 people camp on the wet sidewalk outside the Apple Store in Sydney, Australia, on Friday to be among the first to purchase the new iPhone 6s. GLENN NICHOLLS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bones may be from Mona Lisa model

ART

But tests fail to link fragments to portrait's alleged subject

Scientific testing of bone fragments from a Florence church grave could not determine whether they are from the body of a Renaissance-era woman some believe was the model for Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa, researchers said Thursday.

Perhaps as enigmatic as that Mona Lisa smile, the question of who might have been the model has intrigued art lovers for centuries.

Art historians differ on the model's identity.

Even if bone testing had determined that the remains were that of Lisa Gherardini, the wife of rich silk merchant Francesco del Giocondo, it wouldn't have answered the intriguing question of who posed for Leonardo.

Some say he used a male model; still others theorize the artist did a kind of self-portrait in disguise or used several models.

Researchers told reporters in Florence that carbon-14 testing of one of the fragments indicated the remains were compatible with the period. Gherardini died at age 63 in 1542, and the researchers said historical documents indicate she was buried in a Florence convent.

Head researcher Silvano Vinceti said unfortunately there are few remains, and no skull, which might have helped determine if the woman could have been Leonardo's model for the portrait, which is in the Louvre in Paris.

"Our biggest problem has been the fact that the fragments were very fragmented, very deteriorated," said Giorgio Gruppioni. head of the forensic anthropology laboratory at Bologna University.

> **"The odds that the bones belong to her are very high."**
> Silvano Vinceti

That complicated the task of determining the sex and age at death as well as DNA analysis, he said.

Because no remains have been found of Gherardini's relatives, any DNA comparison testing was impossible, the researchers said.

Still, Vinceti insisted that "the odds that the bones belong to her are very high."

A 16th-century artist and biographer of artists, Giorgio Vassari, wrote that Leonardo painted a portrait of del Giocondo's wife.

Tradition has long linked the woman to the Mona Lisa painting, which is known in Italian as La Gioconda.

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Stolen Mexican carving found in France

A nearly 3,000-year-old carving stolen more than four decades ago from a remote area of southern Mexico has been recovered in France.

The Olmec carving dating to around 900 B.C. had been chipped off the rock face sometime between the arrival of an archaeological team in 1968 and 1972, when the team returned to the area. It resurfaced recently in France under unclear circumstances.

John Clark, a professor of archaeology at Brigham Young University who learned about the find Thursday, said the carved sculpture showed the extent of the Olmec's reach in an area of Chiapas better known for ties to the Maya. In the decades since the theft, he said, scholars have made do with a replica created by examining archive photos of the piece.

The Olmec are best known for their enormous carved heads and are considered one of the founding cultures of Mesoamerica.

Dominique Michelet, a French archaeologist at the CNRS research centre involved in recovering the piece, said Thursday the bas relief is believed to represent a priest.

Clark said chunks of the cut-out stone were missing, but it appeared largely intact.

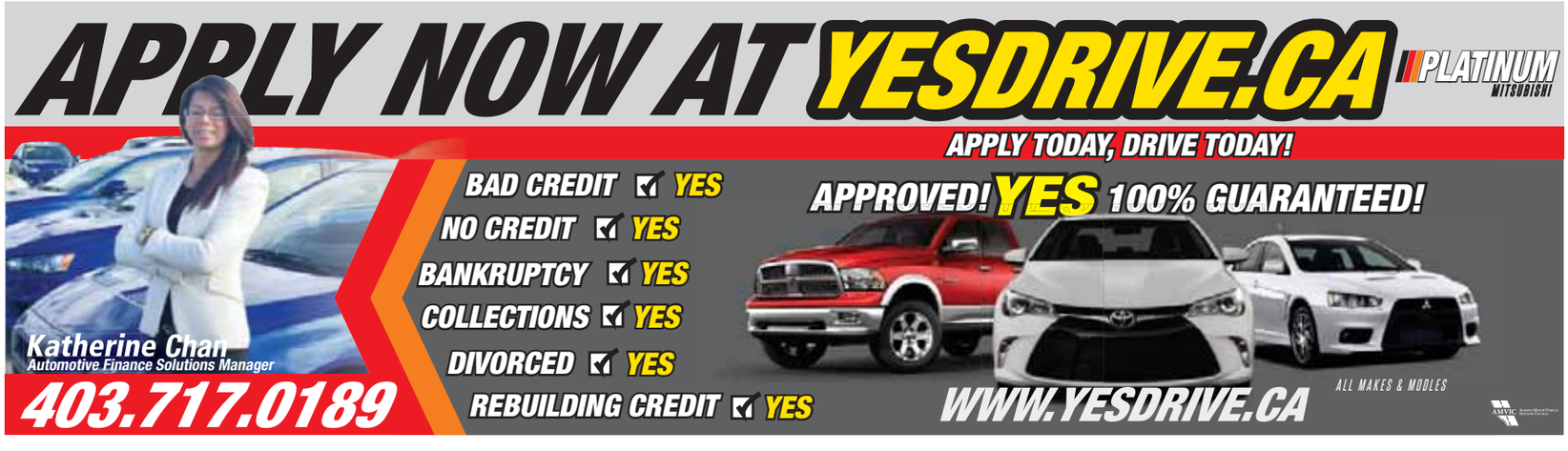
"There's no image like this anywhere else. You can see he's wearing some sort of mask over his face. His clothes are unlike anything we've seen," Clark said. "There's just enough clues in some of the clothing detail and the face detail to show it's Olmec."

He said scholars first learned about the stone carving from Germans travelling through the region in the early 20th century. Then the archaeological team arrived in 1968 to document it and search the area for more artifacts. The next time they returned, there was a gash in the rock face.

"It's a real problem in the Maya lowlands. A lot of them show up in the art market mostly in Europe. I'm surprised it was given back," Clark said.

It will be returned to Mexico for restoration and public display. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An ancient Olmec carving stolen 40 years ago in Mexico is believed to depict a priest. JACQUES BRINON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Woman to face trial in Puerto Rico

EXTRADITION

Accused of hiring man to kill Canadian husband

A Puerto Rican woman accused of hiring a hit man to kill her wealthy Canadian husband was extradited to the U.S. territory Thursday after a lengthy international manhunt.

Aurea Vazquez Rijos arrived with her month-old baby and was escorted by FBI agents just hours before she appeared in court. She flew in from Spain, where a court ordered her extradition nearly two years ago on the condition she doesn't receive the death penalty or life imprisonment without parole if convicted.

Vazquez did not speak during the brief court appearance and had not yet been appointed a lawyer. She will remain in custody until an Oct. 8 hearing. Puerto Rico's government said in a brief statement that it was talking with FBI officials about the custody of Vazquez's baby, who was born in Spain.

A U.S. grand jury charged Vazquez in June 2008 with offering a man $3 million to kill real estate developer Adam Anhang, a Winnipeg native who had moved to Puerto Rico a year before he was killed. The indictment said Anhang had an estimated net worth of $24 million.

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The trial of Aurea Vazquez Rijos is scheduled to start next month.

He was beaten and stabbed to death in September 2005 in the historic area of Puerto Rico's capital as he and Vazquez walked near a bar he had bought for her. They had met that night to discuss their pending divorce.

Vazquez refused to cooperate with police and filed a civil lawsuit against Anhang's family shortly after his death seeking $1 million in damages and millions more from his estate. A judge dismissed the suit.

Vazquez then vanished from Puerto Rico.

She appeared several years later in Spain, where she was arrested in June 2013 as she stepped off a plane. Vazquez, who fought extradition, said she hadn't known U.S. authorities were looking for her.

Alex Pabon Colon previously pleaded guilty to killing Anhang and co-operated with investigators.

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RELIGION EID AL-ADHA Sadid Ahmed, 5, centre, stands during morning prayers during the commemoration of the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha at the Baitul-Naseer Mosque, Thursday, in Hallandale Beach, Fla. The holiday marks Prophet Abraham's symbolic sacrifice and the close of the Hajj pilgrimage in Mecca. WILFREDO LEE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED KINGDOM

'Fed up' man can't get self deported

Tens of thousands of people fleeing warfare and poverty are trying to enter Europe but at least one Iranian man who has made his home in Britain seems desperate to leave.

Manchester Police say Arash Aria turned himself in Monday, claiming to be in Britain illegally, but after arresting him police found out he had legal permission to live in Britain.

An official police tweet said: "Checks with the immigration enforcement team revealed that the man had indefinite leave to stay in the country."

Police said Aria seemed angry and agitated and demanded to be sent home to Iran after 10 years in Manchester.

The Daily Telegraph on Thursday quoted the 25-year-old Aria as saying he was "fed up" with the rude way British people treated him.

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IN BRIEF

Virtual reality steps closer to mainstream

Samsung unveiled, at a developers conference for virtual reality technology company Oculus in Los Angeles, a headset that brings the technology to its latest smartphones at half the price while Facebook said it is launching support for 360-degree video.

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Models dress as characters from the video game Call of Duty. Activision is expanding its e-sports competition from an annual tournament to a year-round season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Call of Duty getting a league of its own

VIDEO GAMES

Competition expanding to year-round championship

Activision is widening the scope of e-sports competition for Call of Duty players.

The publisher of the hugely popular military shooter franchise is expanding its e-sports program next year from an annual tournament to year-round international leagues, as well as increasing the prize pool from $1 million US to $3 million US. The international leagues will be comprised of professional and amateur divisions, culminating in a championship at the end of the year.

"This is going to mark a new era of e-sports for Call of Duty," said Rob Kostich, senior vice-president and general manager for Call of Duty at Activision. "It signals Activision stepping up our commitment to what we've been doing with e-sports. We're expanding our season to make it a fun, competitive year leading into the Call of Duty Championship."

The Santa Monica, Calif.-based publisher is calling the revamped e-sports offering the Call of Duty World League. The competition will launch in early 2016 with leagues in North America, Europe and Australia and New Zealand. The three territories will each feature independent seasons concluding with 32 teams at the Call of Duty Championship in fall 2016.

> **"It felt like the right time to do it."**
> Rob Kostich

"It felt like the right time to do it," said Kostich. "We've learned a lot over the past few years and talked a lot to our community. We think we have an agenda that's going to be really attractive to them, and we have a new game coming out, Call of Duty: Black Ops III, that we couldn't be more excited about to lead us into this new era of e-sports."

Kostich said the expanded program was devised to offer a deeper level of engagement with pro gamers while also encouraging casual fans.

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David Paquette

Take notice that on the **14th day of October 2015 at 9:30 a.m., at Calgary Family Court, Courtroom # 1205, 601 – 5th Street SW, Calgary, Alberta,** a hearing will take place.

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Take notice that on the **18th, 19th, 20th and 21st days of January 2016 at 9:30 a.m., at Calgary Family Court, Courtroom # 301, 601 – 5th Street SW, Calgary, Alberta,** a hearing will take place.

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Gone fishing, for a while: Indigenous people in Alaska were catching salmon long before anyone thought. Cooked fish bits were found dating 11,500 years back, to the last ice age.

THE BIG THING: HAS CASH GONE COLD?

When was the last time you used cash for something other than a panhandler or a parking meter? Now the Bank of England's chief economist, Andy Haldane, has mused about abolishing money all together — at least the kind that's not made of plastic. To get the European economy going, he hopes to effectively charge negative interest — basically, to penalize people for leaving money in the bank. That's easier to do with a digital balance than with a wad of bills stuffed under a mattress. And though there are some protests from libertarians, there may be other good reasons to get rid of the green.

1. **Making (criminals) change** When you don't want to be caught buying or selling, cash is your friend. It's what the dark side of the economy runs on. Some researchers argue that the crime rate goes down when people have fewer opportunities to offend — and without cash, drug dealers, phone pawners and tax dodgers may have a harder time of it. On the other hand, the so-called dark web is increasingly the home of such tainted transactions.

2. **Price to pay** Some feel that the idea of canning cash and allowing people's savings to be slimmed by negative interest has a whiff of tyranny about it. A columnist in the Financial Times wrote, "The anonymity of cash helps to free people from their governments, and some criminality is a price worth paying for liberty."

3. **Giving credit to debit** Incredibly, when some counties in Missouri started making welfare payments electronically, cash-motivated crimes such as burglary and larceny fell by nearly 10 per cent compared to counties that used cheques that had to be cashed. That lends credence to the idea that money burns a hole in your pocket and puts bad ideas in your head.

Happy face/sad face

From **sprinting seniors** to **Russian royals,** Metro weighs in on the news making headlines this week

Romanov remains to be removed

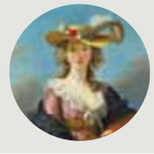
The last royals of Russia, Czar Nicholas II and his wife Alexandra, will be exhumed to settle an old dispute. The monarchs and their five children were killed in 1918. Bones of the parents and three children were interred in 1998. Two more sets of remains put to rest in 2007 were thought to be the other children. Not everyone agrees. Chief shovel-wielder is the Orthodox church, which canonized the family. So those who want to pray over the relics would be committing sacrilege if these turn out to be someone else's old bones. SOURCE: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Centenarian runs into old age

Japanese athlete Hidekichi Miyazaki set a record as the world's oldest competitive sprinter this week, one day after turning 105 — but he was sad about it. He fell short of his personal best, running 100 metres in 42.22 seconds, down from a record of 34.10. Miyaki was born on Sept. 22, 1910. He started running only in his 90s. Before that, his sporting activities were limited to board games — but he looked elsewhere for fun when his fellow players began to die off. The secret of his success is a little surprising: He says it's chewing his food properly. SOURCE: CBC

Famous female French artist finally feted

After 170 years in obscurity, the first internationally celebrated female artist is getting her own exhibition in France. Elisabeth Louise Vigée le Brun fell out of favour after France's revolutionary furor, in part because her most famous work is a monumental portrait of Queen Marie-Antoinette, who had an unfortunate encounter with a guillotine just six years after it was painted. Only 150 of about 1,000 paintings le Brun created during her life will be displayed at Paris's Grand Palais – but it's an honour for an artist who was constantly dismissed by her male contemporaries. SOURCE: BBC



Bacteria wage war worldwide

Antibiotic overuse brings to mind a spoiled child with a sniffle whose parents demand penicillin. But a new report by the U.S. Center for Disease Dynamics suggests that's not right. While rich countries like Sweden are starting to take note of germs adapting to the medicines we use against them, that's not happening in the developing world. In many places antibiotics are available without a prescription. Drug resistance is serious in Kenya and Vietnam. And in India, 80 per cent of the stomach bug E. coli is resistant to three categories of drugs — a scary sign that an invisible enemy is outsmarting human attempts to curb disease. SOURCE: NPR

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Sex education: Won't someone think of what the children need?

Samantha Emann
Metro | Toronto

The numbers are in, and have been for a while, and it's official: Teens have sex. For their sake, get over it.

I can't check Facebook or navigate the news without seeing another complaint about the new sex-education curriculum in Ontario — the most modern document of its type in the country, and one that sets a standard for other provinces to follow.

Yes, we should consider dissenters when crafting policies that affect children. But it's equally important to make sure the curriculum is free of the misinformation and blatant bigotry of organizations clearly pushing their own agendas.

Groups like the Canadian Families Alliance and the Campaign Life Coalition say the new curriculum, which opens a discussion on the proper names of genitalia in Grade 1, is improper. I, for one, do not miss the days of pee-pee and wee-wee, and I think such things are beneath us. The words "penis" and "vagina" cannot corrupt children.

These organizations are overlooking the facts. According to Statistics Canada, 25 per cent of teenagers have sex for the first time at age 15 or 16. Nine per cent — one in ten — were 14 or younger. The percentage increases with age, and by 18 or 19, 68 per cent said they have had sex.

But ideologues don't let facts stand in the way of their moral beliefs and so-called "traditional" view of human sexuality — that sex ought to take place between one man and one woman who are married to each other. That's nothing more than a hole in the sand where parents can bury their heads to deny that their teenagers are having sex.

If teens are going to have sex (and they are), they need information that will help them make the right choices and develop healthy, respectful relationships.

And they're not getting that information. The huge confusion about consent makes that abundantly clear. Much hay has been made about Grade 8 lessons in making a "personal plan" for sexual activity.

Maybe that's needed. A 2015 survey found 67 per cent of Canadians couldn't accurately define consent, and four per cent don't think consent is needed in every case (who are you people?).

A recent campaign by the University of British Columbia to teach this highly nuanced concept through the use of emojis further demonstrates why consent should be taught at a young age, before kids are having sex. The concept cannot be boiled down to smiley and not-so-smiley faces.

Teaching young people about healthy sexuality can save lives, and that is more valuable than archaic social beliefs and more important than the feelings of any parent who doesn't want to think about their children having sex.

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The no good, very bad interview

PRESS JUNKETS

If you think De Niro is bad, try talking to Tommy Lee

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Robert De Niro recently walked out of an interview with a journalist, saying "I'm not doing this, darling." But he isn't the first celebrity to behave badly when talking to the press. HANDOUT

What would you do if Robert De Niro cut short your conversation with a quick, "I'm not doing this, darling," and exited? If you're Radio Times journalist Emma Brockes you write about it and watch your article go viral.

As unpleasant as the encounter may have been — he objected to the "negative inference" of her questions, she called him condescending — it did exactly what it was meant to do, generate buzz for De Niro's upcoming film The Intern.

Who won? I'll give the edge to Brockes who, when faced with a bad situation, turned De Niro's lemons into lemonade and earned just as much press as the touchy actor.

De Niro took some blowback for his behaviour. Daily Mail columnist Piers Morgan wrote, "If I'd been her, I'd have slapped him 'round his smug little chops," adding the Goodfellas star is "renowned as the rudest, most difficult and frankly obnoxious star to interview, possibly in the history of planet Earth."

I think Morgan overstates his case. De Niro isn't the worst — anyone who has ever done a movie junket knows Tommy Lee Jones is the crankiest, most soul destroying interview ever — he's just a reticent interview, who, according to director Nancy Myers, doesn't want "to expose himself all the time."

De Niro isn't alone in the chat-and-dash sweepstakes. Robert Downey Jr. and Quentin Tarantino bolted on Krishnan Guru-Murthy with the Avengers: Age of Ultron actor later calling the Channel 4 news presenter a "syphilitic parasite." Robert Pattinson, Naomi Campbell and Russell Crowe have also done runners on the press.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

The Intern	★★
Hotel Transylvania	★★
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So why submit to promotional interviews at all? Contractual obligation has much to do with it, but beyond that, they're good for the movie. Daniel Radcliffe, star of Harry Potter, Horns and the upcoming Victor Frankenstein, once told me no matter how famous the actor, anyone who doesn't get out and pump their film up to the press is making a huge mistake.

As a result everyone does them and while it's easy to look at De Niro or Downey as spoiled brats, I'm surprised walkouts don't happen more often.

It must get brutally dull answering the same questions over and over, particularly when they are of the "Of all your leading ladies who was the best kisser?" variety.

How bad can it get in the interview suites?

Once a talking head proudly told me she wrote new lyrics for Beyoncé's hit song Survivor… "My name's Beyoncé/ I'm in Goldmember/ You're watching blah blah on blah blah blah…" and asked the superstar to sing them as a promo for her television station. If I were Beyoncé I would have exited stage left without a song on my lips.

I remember one "reporter" asking George Lucas "whether Dark Vader was a good guy or a bad guy." If I were Lucas I would have hitched a Millennium Falcon ride out of there.

Recently I heard Tom Cruise try and answer the question, "What kind of stunt would you do to impress a girl?" If I were Cruise I would have grabbed the side of the nearest plane and jetted out of there.

As for De Niro, Brockes graciously says she has sympathy for him "because nobody wants to be there for these choreographed junket interviews."

De Niro wasn't quite as kind, but at least he called her "darling" and not "syphilitic parasite."

Canadian-made constrained by budget

HELLIONS

Prolific director makes horror that defies limits

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Canadian horror — and I don't mean when a Zamboni breaks down just before your ice time, but the kind of scary movies we make — tends to go against the grain. Movies like Ginger Snaps, Cannibal Girls and the squirmy body terror of David Cronenberg bring fresh points of view to established mythologies to breathe new life into old genres.

In 2008 director Bruce McDonald did just that with the bio-terror freakout, Pontypool. The story of a God Bug that turns people into zombies barely gives us a glimpse of the walking dead, instead replacing the gore with brain matter, making it one of the smartest undead movies in years.

He's genre-bending again, this time in Hellions, a home invasion survival tale with a demonic twist.

McDonald says Canadian filmmakers mess with traditional formulas for two reasons. The first is practical.

"The script, when I first read it, read easily like a 40-day shoot, $5-million movie," he says. "But then you get the news that you only have 20 days and less money. There's no choice but to subvert and say, 'We have to now begin with this established premise and show a world we kind of know, but subtly we have to make some different kinds of choices.'

"Hellions was much more of an action picture, in a sense, but you need time to make action. A sequence will work much better in 25 shots than in three shots. That's the practical nature of handmade Canadian cinema. We don't have the big machine but we do have some smart people and we know how to do it. That does create a spin on things. You're outside the gates of Hollywood and when the parents are away the kids will play."

The second reason? "Canadians are naturally mischievous and like to f— with people," he laughs.

McDonald's extensive resume includes Canadian classics like Hard Core Logo and Highway 61, but it's not heavily weighted to horror, even though he says Oct. 31 gave him his "Mr. Entertainment Gene."

"I have loved Halloween more than any other holiday since I was young," he says. "I think it was my first theatre. My first way into this entertainment world I love so much. I wasn't Catholic so I didn't get to the ceremonies of the Catholic Church and the robes and the incense and the priests and visions of hell. For a little Protestant kid from the suburbs, Halloween was the best."

"That's the practical nature of handmade Canadian cinema. We don't have the big machine but we do have some smart people."
Director Bruce McDonald

Bruce McDonald had half the shoot days he wanted to film Hellions. CONTRIBUTED

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ANIMATION

Hotel Transylvania 2

Director: Genndy Tartakovsky
Starring: Adam Sandler, Selena Gomez

The hit CG-animated family comedy Hotel Transylvania gets a followup with this Sony Pictures Animation production.

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Everest

Director: Baltasar Kormakur
Starring: Jake Gyllenhaal, Jason Clarke

2 Guns helmer Baltasar Kormakur directs Jake Gyllenhaal, Josh Brolin, Jason Clarke, and John Hawkes in this adventure docudrama set in 1996, when a number of simultaneous expeditions up Mount Everest resulted in the deaths of eight climbers.

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KHMER ROUGE

Angelina Jolie Pitt's son heavily involved in new film about Cambodia

Angelina Jolie Pitt has been in scouting locations in Cambodia for her next film, First They Killed My Father, which she is casting entirely with local talent.

In a statement Thursday to The Associated Press, Jolie Pitt said she's spent the last week doing research and pre-production on the film before beginning shooting in Cambodia in November. She said she's striving, through meetings with Cambodians, to ensure the movie about the deadly Khmer Rouge regime is "accurate and faithful" to the 1970s events.

Jolie Pitt is collaborating with Cambodian author and human rights activist Luong Ung, who said the film "will be made with Cambodians as a symbol of dignity and an act of memory." The two wrote the script together, adapted from Ung's 2000 memoir. Jolie Pitt has said her 14-year-old Cambodia-born son, Maddox, is heavily involved in the movie, which is told from a child's perspective. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

THE TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN

The bag was ripped and discarded on the living room floor while we devoured its greasy contents.

After gathering enthusiastic reviews out of Cannes and TIFF, Sicario, French-Canadian director Denis Villeneuve's suspenseful and grim look at the drug trade, opens in theatres this month.

Emily Blunt is FBI field agent Kate Macer who plays by the book. She's asked to join a government task force, lead by a flip-flop-wearing Josh Brolin and Benicio Del Toro — whose near-silent performance is spellbinding — aiming to apprehend Mexico's most infamous drug lord. She becomes acutely aware that not everyone plays her way.

Villeneuve's style is being compared to Michael Mann and Kathryn Bigelow's. It also recalls Steven Soderbergh's Traffic, which examines the complicated drug cartel web weaved on both sides of the border.

But where Traffic looked over-saturated and grainy, Sicario appears washed out and arid. Long after I left the theatre, Sicario's haunting soundtrack, which pulsates and propels the film's thrilling pace, stayed with me.

So, too, did Blunt's performance. Not only how well she captured her character's descent from idealist to defeatist, but also how Blunt was able to convey how solitary — both professionally and personally — Macer is.

Not so in real life. Blunt married The Office's Jon Krasinski at George Clooney's Lake Como villa.

That's where her sister Felicity, a U.K.-based literary agent, met her future husband, Blunt's The Devil Wears Prada co-star, Stanley Tucci.

THE MOVIE: Sicario

THE MEAL: Fish and chips

The pair fell head over heals in love over their shared affection for food. In 2014 they published The Tucci Table, a collection of familial recipes inspired by their respective Italian and British upbringings.

Emily's chicken noodle soup — the reason Krasinski wanted to be her husband, she says — is included.

So too is a recipe for fish and chips, a dish seeped in nostalgia for the Blunt siblings.

One of Felicity's earliest memories is picking up "huge pieces of deep-fried cod and all sorts of odd-shaped chips" after seeing a movie with Emily and their Nanna.

Let me be frank: Even if Stanley Tucci himself assures me that making fish and chips at home is relatively easy, I will never do it — not when every day after work I bike past Chippy's, which has been serving up Guinness-battered strips of fish and crispy chips for a dozen years.

It's been a couple of years since Chippy's siren-like call of deep-fried aroma has lured me in.

But on a recent weekday night, with no groceries at home to speak of, I succumbed. Although the shop now has an Interac machine — and moderate indie rock had replaced deafening heavy metal — not much has changed. Within five minutes I had two orders of halibut and chips secured in a brown paper bag. Thirty minutes after that, the bag was ripped, like a raccoon got at it, and discarded on the living room floor while we devoured its gloriously greasy contents with our hands.

Fighting over the curry sauce was like the Hunger Games — only there was no Stanley Tucci to bring levity to the chaos.

Lesson learned: next time, bring home more sauce.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

Q&A

Denis Villeneuve won't surf on past successes

Denis Villeneuve is in demand.

The Quebec director rattles off the back-to-back projects that have kept him criss-crossing the globe on movie shoots and promotional tours and guesses he might have time to sleep in 2018.

Right now he's focused on the theatrical roll-out of his cartel saga Sicario, a searing look at the Mexican drug war starring Emily Blunt as an idealistic FBI agent and Benicio Del Toro as an enigmatic assassin. It opens Friday in select theatres in Canada.

He's also consumed with editing his alien flick Story of Your Life with Amy Adams and Jeremy Renner — duties that carry right into pre-production for the Blade Runner reboot starring Harrison Ford and Ryan Gosling.

Villeneuve doesn't expect to be ready to go to camera for that hot title before the end of 2016.

The Canadian Press caught up with the Oscar-nominated filmmaker to discuss sequels, his Hollywood dreams, and sidestepping Legally Blonde 7.

Sicario hasn't fully opened yet but there's already talk of a sequel.

The characters are very strong and Taylor Sheridan's screenplay ... was very powerful. The thing is that Lionsgate is very proud of the film and before the release they were starting to think, "What if? What if?" I'm not closed to the idea, I think it all depends on if Taylor can write something that is as good as the first one.... I believe in sequels if they are better. I will not do something that is surfing on the success of the first one.

Of course. Otherwise why would you helm a Blade Runner reboot?

It's true. In a way I feel that the (Blade Runner) screenplay I read that Hampton Fancher, Ridley Scott and Michael Green wrote is a very powerful screenplay and I feel that there's a real strong movie that can be born out of this screenplay. That's why I agreed to do it.

And fitting that this comes on the heels of another sci-fi project with Amy Adams.

I've been dreaming to do sci-fi since I was 10 years old. It's been a while that I've been looking for a project that would allow me to go into that genre. But Story of Your Life is a very different project than Prisoners or Sicario — it deals with more light than shadows. After I made five movies back-to-back that were dealing with darkness I needed a break.

Your pace has been relentless.

It's a matter of circumstances. It's a matter of movies being green-lit in a very fast pace. Usually it's slower.... After Blade Runner if things are going according to the plan, I will take a break. I will need a break after that just to think and to dream a little bit more. And to sleep.

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> Denis Villeneuve, on doing a Blade Runner reboot

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Australian actor Jason Clarke stars as Rob Hall, who leads the expedition in the film Everest. Audiences can catch Everest in IMAX/3D in select theatres. UNIVERSAL PICTURES VIA AP

One of those 'no acting required' gigs

EVEREST

Cast and crew braved altitude sickness, icy temperatures

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Hollywood

Actor Jason Clarke (Zero Dark Thirty, Dawn of the Planet of the Apes) battles the elements in Everest, recreating the true story of a disastrous trip to the summit of the tallest mountain in the world. While most would assume it was all movie magic, the Australian reveals the reality.

What was shot outside and how much was staged?
We started off, we went to Kathmandu. We flew in there and shot all that stuff that you see there, and then we did basically the hike up to base camp, but we chop it up because of time. You start shooting at 12,000 to 16,000 feet. That was an issue because normally to acclimatize the group will take two and a half weeks to climb up to that point, at which point you're ready to hang out at base camp for a month before you go for the summit. We had to go up and down quite quickly, so people were affected. There was a scene where we were up with the memorials to the dead people, that was shot at 16,000 feet just around the corner from base camp.

That sounds amazing, but terrifying.
Sure, but oh my God, it was special. We then went to the Alps in Italy, and we shot a lot of the southeast ridge and the external stuff on the peaks up there between 10,000 and 13,000 feet. It was (-30 C) in winter, so it was cold and snowy. Pretty much the only stuff we shot on the stage was the actual summit itself and the Hillary Steps stuff....

The costumes and the beard and being so bundled up, you don't really have to worry about makeup and hair things like that. I mean, when we got to that stage they stuck in this weird gel stuff that was horrible, but no. It was one of those "no acting required" gigs.

Were you much of a hiker or climber before this?
Yeah, more so a lot of hiking. I'd done some climbing, and then I did a lot of big climbs to get ready for it back in New Zealand and then in Scotland just to kind of get a sense of what it's like to be out when it's f—ed up and just take it.

You're doing a New Zealand accent in this, and I feel like every time I see you, you're doing some accent different than your own.
I prefer to do an accent. It's one way to find character. For this next role I'm learning the violin and fencing. The work itself helps you find the character. If things weren't difficult to do, I'd probably be lazy. And I actually prefer to work with accents, when there's a voice. I remember Heath (Ledger) in Brokeback Mountain, that voice that he had. That just was his character. It was amazing.

One thing I appreciated about this movie is the restraint with which it handles death scenes. The people are just there one second and not there the next.
That's Baltasar (Kormakur) sticking to his story and knowing his story and saying, "This is the movie that I'm making." And understanding the power of good story. He knew exactly the line and kept us on that line.

> **The ones that are alive or their children are still alive, it all played out so publicly for them ... so that weighed heavily on me.**
> Jason Clark staring in a film based on a true story

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Billy Crudup's big experiment

The Stanford Prison Experiment is based on the real-life psychological experiment conducted by Dr. Philip Zimbardo in 1971. CONTRIBUTED

INTERVIEW

Actor took his role as a psychologist too seriously

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada

Actor Billy Crudup has a simple theory why his true-life indie drama The Stanford Prison Experiment is striking a chord with movie audiences.

"It is disturbing in the exact right way," states the 47-year-old star who plays Dr. Philip Zimbardo — the infamous university professor who directed one of history's most shocking social experiments.

Filmmaker Kyle Patrick Alvarez's award-winning Sundance hit dramatizes the 1971 experiment in which Zimbardo (played by Crudup) randomly assigned students to either the role of sadistic guard or submissive inmate, then studied as the subjects soon grew horribly abusive in a simulated jailhouse environment.

"Oh, it's interesting," said Crudup about the actual footage he studied in preparation. "At that time, the closed-circuit television wasn't the greatest quality and the cameras were positioned far away (so) you don't get the same kind of feeling watching it as seeing the movie. Kyle does this really impressive job getting close-ups of all the faces twitching or these kids really being disturbed."

For authenticity, Alvarez also enlisted the real Dr. Zimbardo to help shape the script and although the researcher's methods have since been called into question, Crudup insists the man seemed entirely rational whenever he visited the set.

"He is certainly among the most charismatic (men) that I've met," said Crudup.

"He has such a fascination with this subject matter and for this event in particular and he has an appetite to share experience so he was a really wonderful presence to have on set and to learn from."

But Crudup may have enjoyed Zimbardo's visits for another reason. After all, since the veteran star of blockbusters Almost Famous and comic-book adaptation Watchmen was portraying the strict psychologist, he decided to avoid the rest of the young cast and kept from mingling with fellow actors during filming.

"I was meant to be an authority figure and someone who was intimidating and had a capacity to manipulate the situation of their well being. I didn't want them to have any great sense of generosity or warmth towards me," explained Crudup.

"Besides when you're working on a low-budget movie like this, there's not that much opportunity for socializing anyway."

FILMOGRAPHY

Watchmen (2009): Crudup got to flex his muscles as superhero Dr. Manhattan in this global comic-book hit.

Big Fish (2003): Trying to relive the stories of his fictional dying father proved successful in this Tim Burton fantasy, earning $123 million worldwide.

Almost Famous (2000): Perhaps his best known role, Crudup plays '70s guitarist Russell Hammond in this Oscar-nominated rock drama.

The Intern a 'love letter' to boomers

THE INTERN

Hathaway bosses De Niro despite being intimidated

Matt Prigge
Metro | New York

Robert De Niro is scary. That's the line, anyway. In addition to his storied accomplishments, he's quiet and careful with words, loath to open up — qualities that, at least for journalists hoping for a chatty interview, paint him as formidable. Indeed, he recently walked out on an interview (if perhaps not undeservedly) for his new film, The Intern. Even Anne Hathaway, his co-star, was initially at least a little terrified.

"I couldn't talk around him for the first three weeks. I just felt like an idiot with everything I said," Hathaway recalls. But she soon found that his reticence was, as their director, Nancy Meyers (Something's Gotta Give, It's Complicated), had told her, more zen than menace. "Bob's good at having chemistry with people. So I assumed that as long as I didn't mess up I'd be OK."

As it happens, in The Intern their characters have something like the opposite arc. He plays Ben Whittaker, a widower who takes advantage of a new trend towards hiring retirees as unpaid interns. He winds up at an online clothing startup founded and largely run, or at least micromanaged, by Hathaway's Jules Ostin. She's overworked and remote, but Ben finds a way to earn her trust and is soon offering her advice.

Anne Hathaway plays the founder of an online clothing startup in The Intern. HANDOUT

"I think it is (Meyers') love letter to us, our generation," De Niro says. "When you're a certain age, you get older, you're less relevant in some ways. That's just not the case."

Hathaway herself learned a few things, not just from De Niro but also from Meyers.

"When we started we saw the character in two different ways," Hathaway remembers. "I wanted her to be wearing her stress on her sleeve; Nancy wanted her to have it more together. And then I thought, 'Idiot. Who knows a Nancy Meyers character better than Nancy Meyers?' It became this wonderful experience in being guided through a character, which is very new for me."

Once Hathaway surrendered her initial instincts to Meyers' vision, she says she found a place of contentment. "Up until now I have made a lot of movies from insecurity and neuroses and self-doubt. I just got really tired of it and I decided to make this from a more positive place, to feel good about what I was doing," Hathaway explains. "It turns out you can make a movie without having non-stop sleepless nights."

So that's what Hathaway learned about herself. De Niro didn't have quite the same epiphany. He says, "I don't think I learned anything about myself that I didn't know already."

As for their director, Hathaway is typically effusive. "She's the smartest person in any room she's ever been in," she says. "Having been a woman in the industry for the last 30 years, it's not easy being the smartest, funniest person in the room and being a woman. But she's handled it with tremendous grace."

VALUABLE LESSON
THE INTERN INTRODUCES AUDIENCES TO THE NOVEL IDEA THAT OLDER GENERATIONS MIGHT HAVE WISDOM EVEN IF THEY DON'T HAVE FACEBOOK

One last note: In addition to a newly zen feel for the craft, Hathaway — briefly, semi-disastrously — found herself with a newfound love for interns. She recalls being on a photoshoot recently, where she was greeted by an intern.

"Because of this movie I went out of my way to pay her a little more attention — ask who she was, why she was doing this, where she wanted to go," Hathaway remembers. Thinking she'd do something nice, she asked her to help out with some music she wanted to play, and had her rig up some iPods to the speaker system.

"I didn't realize the sound system was impossible to work. Every time she would leap from iPod to iPod, it would create the most horrible screech through the entire sound system. Everyone hated it. So, as I was trying to do a nice thing for the intern, I wound up making everyone annoyed by the sound she was making. So I'm not the best."

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4 FILMS THAT DARED TO SING HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Until this week's landmark ruling from a Californian District Court that put Happy Birthday to You in the public domain, film and television studios wouldn't use the song to avoid licensing costs. We look at five films that ran against the grain. **AFP**

4 Old School

Sean William Scott is in charge of a miniature pony at a kid's birthday party thrown by Bernard Campbell (Vince Vaughn); Scott's character drops an f-bomb and a tranquilizer gun in the pony's pen and when Frank (Will Ferrell) accidentally shoots a dart into his own neck, a muddy, lethargic Happy Birthday becomes the soundtrack for a cake-crushing rampage.

1 Batman Begins

30-year-old Bruce Wayne (Christian Bale) enters to a polite, string-accompanied Happy Birthday sung by friends and acquaintances. That establishes his status as a well-esteemed member of high society, right up until the moment he's confronted by Ra's al Ghul (Liam Neeson) and has to throw out his guests and trash a carefully curated reputation. Batman Begins was, of course, a Warner Bros film, the studio having held the Happy Birthday license since 1988.

2 Office Space

Professional awkwardness at its comic, toe-curling best as an enterprise's worth of disgruntled employees mumble Happy Birthday to their privileged, presumptuous Initech boss Bill Lumbergh (Gary Cole). No. 1 outcast Milton (Stephen Root) doesn't get the piece of cake he was promised, further contributing to the character's unfortunate decline.

3 Full Metal Jacket

Unlike Initech's VP Lumbergh, Gunnery Sgt. Hartman can actually command a rousing recitation of the traditional birthday song, performed on Christmas Day and personally addressed to Jesus, before reminding his troops of who it is that currently claims possession of their recently recruited behinds.

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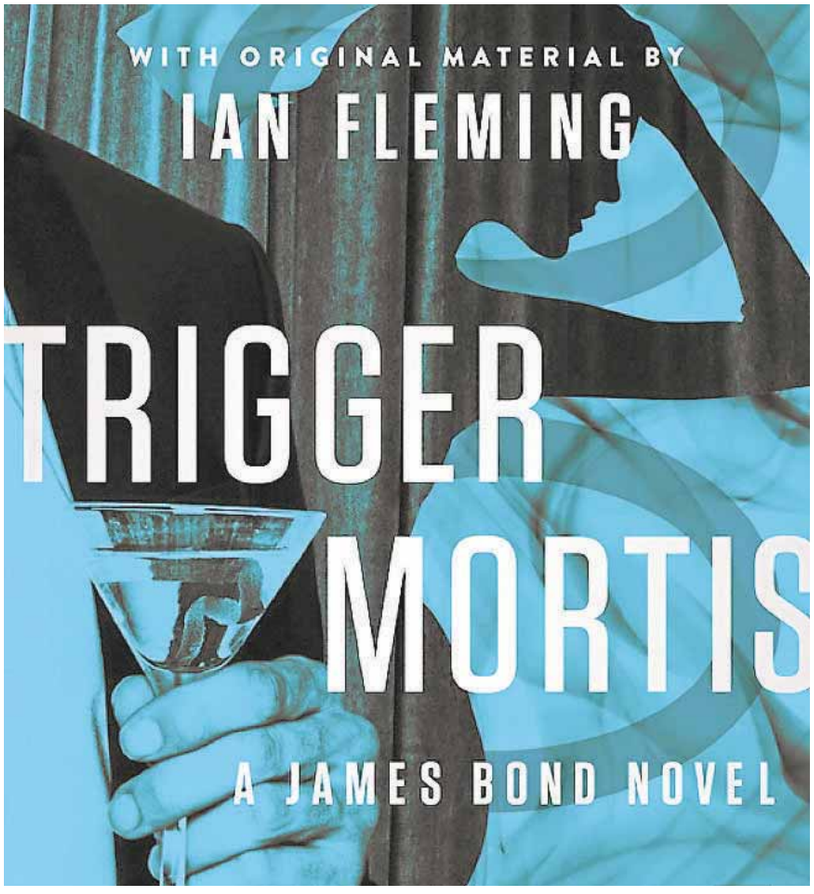

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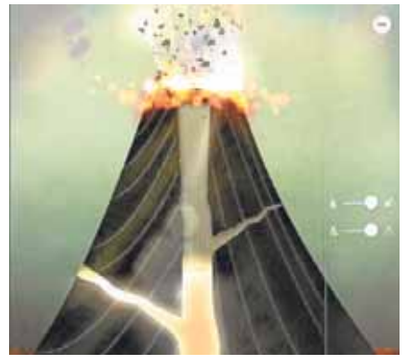

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YouTube star Helbig is making it offline

INTERVIEW

She's tackled network TV, live comedy and publishing

Melita Kuburas
Metro | Canada

Despite the raunchy innuendo of her podcast title, Not Too Deep, Grace Helbig's comedy is more blithe than risqué.

"I feel like dark comedy doesn't look good on me for some reason," says Helbig, 29, who this summer wrapped the first season of her self-titled talk show on E! network. "I have more fun when I try to approach comedy from a slightly more positive and silly angle."

Helbig, who made a name for herself on YouTube where she has 2.7 million subscribers, is performing this Saturday at Just For Laughs comedy festival in Toronto with someone who just might balance out her sweetness — Epic Meal Time's Harley Morenstein, whom she accurately describes as a "six-foot-four bearded, burly dude." Morenstein is known for attacking recipes on his preposterous cooking show with the swagger and F-bomb frequency of a gansta-rap star wannabe. "But he giggles like a 12-year-old Catholic schoolgirl," says Helbig.

She hopes the two of them will deliver a paired-down, mellow and "strictly dumb" live podcast show for an in-person audience that's likely to be split in half between YouTube fans and more traditional standup comedy goers.

The future of the Grace Helbig Show on E! is up in the air. The sketch show bore a similar style to her online video clips — bright graphics paired with childish games such as such as rolling around in Velcro suits with her fellow YouTubers. The main difference is that the TV show also featured traditional celebs like Jack Black and Dwayne Johnson, but still incorporated fan participation into the scripts. In her interview with Johnson, for instance, Helbig reads a social media comment: "I heard all he has to do is look at a pistachio and it cracks itself open," after which she hands him a nut and a green laser shoots out of Johnson's eyes.

"We're trying to restructure," says Helbig, of the show, admitting it was a learning curve for both her and the network. The show last spring debuted to 227,000 viewers in a Friday night time slot — an underwhelming number if compared to Chelsea Handler's Chelsea Lately, which brought in approximately 600,000 viewers a night towards the end of its run.

"Media in general is constantly changing and evolving. It will probably be different when we get off this phone call than it was before jumped on," she says. "We all learned a lot about trying to bring the Internet to TV, to an audience that ... watches The Kardashians more than they watch Jenna Marbles."

> **There was GiGi Gorgeous sitting directly next to Paula Abdul. In my mind I was like, this is what the Internet looks like in real life.**
> Grace Helbig, on the Streamy Awards show

Still, Helbig, perhaps more than any other YouTube star, has had a lot of success in crossing back and forth between the traditional and digital platforms. Last year her first book, Grace's Guide: The Art of Pretending to be Grownup hit No. 1 on the New York Times Bestseller list in the advice category a week after launch. She's following it up with a new book out this February titled Grace & Style: The Art of Pretending You Have it.

"It's a tongue-in-cheek style guide and kind of a random brain-smattering of my thoughts on beauty and fashion. I kind of have been calling it a f—d up Pinterest board in a way," she says.

She also recently wrapped production on a reboot of the '70s Electra Woman and the Dyna Girl, which is expected to launch as a series some time this winter.

"We shot in Vancouver for a month and a half which was really cool. We didn't do too much prep. We learned firsthand we probably should have lifted a few weights or something before we got up there," she says of her co-star and frequent collaborator Hannah Hart. "It was a humbling experience because there are some really tacky spandex suits that we have to wear."

Grace Helbig will perform at Just For Laughs. HANDOUT

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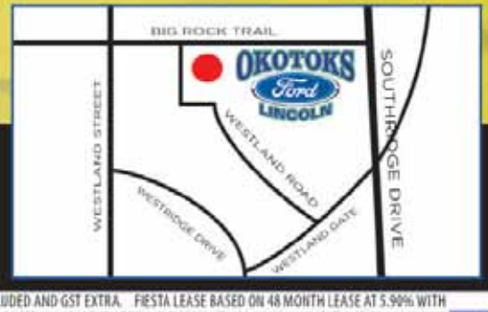

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Album sales don't matter anymore

ANALYSIS

Streaming has made older metrics obsolete

Alan Cross
For Metro Canada

Back in the day, it was all about record sales.

Artists and labels worked hard to push releases up the charts to create a virtuous circle of popularity.

The higher the chart position, the more people paid attention.

That led to more radio airplay which inevitably resulted in more sales. A No. 1 song or album on the Billboard charts generated untold millions of dollars for everyone.

We're still in the habit of judging the success of a release by its sales figures. Just as we get reports on weekend box office numbers for movies (as if the movie that makes the most money makes it the best), we still hear where records rank on the charts.

I'm guilty of it, too. Every week on my website, ajournalofmusicalthings.com, I publish a summary and analysis of the week's physical and digital music sales. But I think I'm going to stop doing that.

Why? Because raw sales just don't matter anymore.

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Now consider this week's album sales.

The Weeknd can brag of being No. 1 again on both sides of the border with Beauty Behind the Madness, but let's dig into the actual numbers.

He topped the charts in Canada with sales of only 6,200 copies — a figure that would have been considered disastrous not that long ago.

It's even weirder in the U.S. where he's No. 1 with sales of just 55,000 units in a nation of 319 million people. The bar for a No. 1 is beyond limbo-low.

We also reached an interesting tipping point this past week.

For the first time, streaming revenues exceeded that of physical sales.

What matters now are listens and views.

How many people streamed a song? How many accessed it through YouTube? How many times was it shared on social media?

Those are the metrics that determine a hit today.

Keep that in mind the next time someone brags about having a No. 1 record on Billboard.

The Weeknd can brag of being No. 1 again on both sides of the border with Beauty Behind the Madness, but does this even matter anymore? GETTY IMAGES

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Adele to release single, album in November

Singer Adele's highly anticipated third album will see the light of day on Nov. 20, according to a news report. Hits Daily Double revealed the album date, also reporting the singer plans to reveal a lead single from the album in the first or second week of November.

The album, which will follow up the blockbuster 2011 LP 21, has long been expected to release this fall and was previously said to be tentatively titled 25.

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Adele. GETTY IMAGES

Sia is feeling Alive with new track

Australian singer Sia has revealed her newest track, Alive, which will have a spot on her upcoming album.

The LP, This is Acting, will comprise songs Sia originally wrote for other artists, and Alive was written with British singer Adele in mind.

Alive is out now via iTunes, Apple Music, Spotify, Amazon and Google Play.

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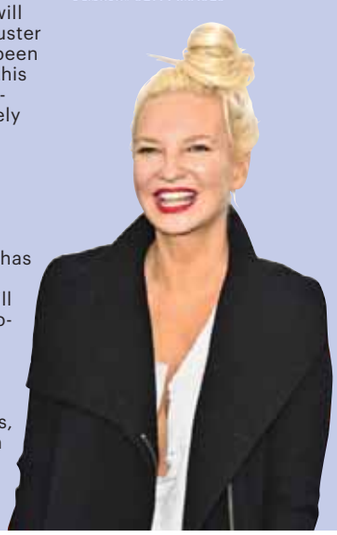

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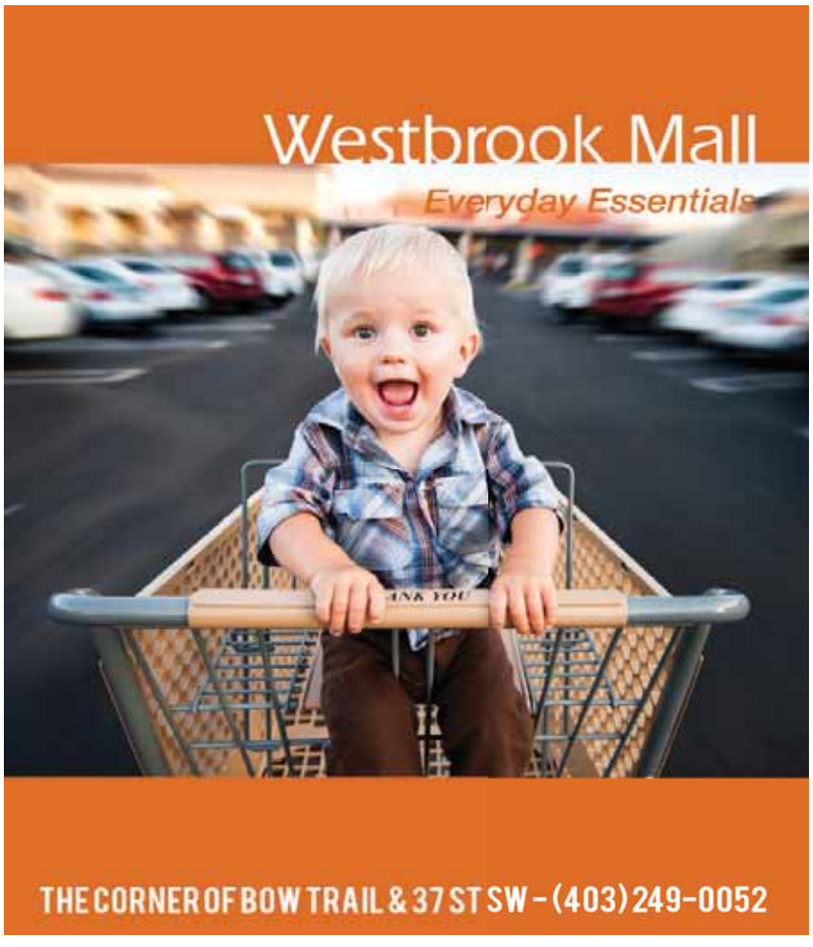
Bob Dylan announces next volume in Bootleg Series

Legendary singer Bob Dylan has revealed the 12th installment in his Bootleg Series of reissues, to be released in November.

Titled The Cutting Edge 1965-1966, the new volume will focus on the studio sessions behind Bringing It All Back Home, Highway 61 Revisited and Blonde On Blonde. A six-CD deluxe edition will include previously unheard Dylan songs, studio outtakes, rehearsal tracks and alternate versions of familiar hits, while a "best-of" version will take up two CDs or three vinyl LPs.

An annotated book featuring photos, memorabilia and essays will accompany the volume, which is due out November 6. AFP



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Passenger is in the driver's seat

PROFILE

Singer Mike Rosenberg reflects on his massive hit

Emily Laurence
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Considering Passenger's single Let Her Go spent a massive 45 weeks at No. 1 in the U.K. and 28 weeks (and counting) on Billboard's Hot 100 charts in the U.S., it's hard to believe Mike Rosenberg (the man behind the moniker) was considering giving up music all together not that long ago. He shares what kept him going when he hit rock bottom.

Going solo

Passenger may be a one-man show now, but originally, it was a full band. When the band broke up in 2009, going solo didn't even occur to Rosenberg. But he booked some solo gigs while visiting a friend in Australia and says the crowd connected deeper than ever before.

"Suddenly, people could hear every word and really understand it," Rosenberg says.

"It was a massive turning point."

Quarterlife crisis

But that wasn't the only time Rosenberg considered giving up. While working on his second album Whispers, released in 2014, he hit a low point. "I was 27 and had been busking and putting out my own records for four or five years and I just didn't feel like it was growing at all," he remembers. Rosenberg put all his frustrations down on paper, which later became his song 27.

He says the very act of feeling his passion overflowing reignited his ambition and reminded him why he wanted to be a musician in the first place.

"Obviously every (musician) dreams of playing to thousands of people and having the No. 1 song, but that's not the reason you do it," he says. "The reason you do it is because you're trying to create something that means something to people and to yourself. It's helpful to remind yourself of that sometimes."

Taking it to the streets

Despite his massive success, Rosenberg still enjoys busking, something he started after the band broke up and he needed money. "Looking back on it, those were some of the best years of my life," he says.

"I still love busking because not everyone can go to a concert. They might not be able to afford it or they might not be old enough."

Turning pain into poetry

All of the songs Rosenberg writes are personal and often painful, but he says it's a joy to share them. "When (I) write them, it can be a very painful thing because it's still fresh. But as time goes on, I still remember the girl or the situation, but it turns into something different," he says.

"Especially with Let Her Go since it's known around the world now. It started off as a really heart-wrenching breakup song, but now, for me, it's such a treasured thing."

Mike Rosenberg, the one-man show behind Passenger, says he almost gave up before finding success with his massive hit Let Her Go. PHOTO CREDIT IN SMALL CAPS

The mainstream followed Peaches

NEW ALBUM

She provoked audiences before it became a trend

At some point, Toronto electro-clash provocateur Peaches started to find pop music's fringe a little crowded. But she welcomed the company.

"I always wanted the mainstream to move closer to me instead of me trying to move closer to the mainstream, and actually that's what happened," the Toronto native said in a recent telephone interview. "It's an incredible feeling."

And yet, in a pop landscape where even former Disney stars seem to be borrowing from Peaches' deep stock of shock tactics, and marginalized groups are wresting more sympathy and attention, she faces a new question.

"People are like: 'Well, Peaches, what are you going to shock people with now?'" she explained with a laugh. "Gay marriage is legal in the States, gender issues are being seriously taken into consideration and bullying is a whole movement now.

"I'm going to celebrate it. I'm also going to keep my eye out and make sure it's not some sort of sensationalist shock trend for everybody else and that it's actually moving forward."

That jubilation manifests in Rub, the new album Peaches refers to with considerable affection as her "post-gender or post-ageist celebration."

Her first record in more than six years is hardly some compromise to convention. Of course, it's recklessly funny, features several unprintable song titles — one, called Dumb (Expletive), which she considers her Purple Rain — and sonics jagged enough to trip Run the Jewels.

"The point was to make it even more raw, with all the great sounds that you can use now — just not polish it up at all," she explained. "Raw, and aggressive, but sonically warm."

> **I always wanted the mainstream to move closer to me instead of me trying to move closer to the mainstream.**
> Toronto-based singer Peaches

Fans who worry about Peaches' ongoing capacity to shock, meanwhile, should listen to the record's blackest dirge: Free Drink Ticket. With her vocals pitched down and a rumbling buzzsaw of a beat, she seethes against a "spineless coward" ex-lover whose "personality turned to white powder."

"There's this time in a relationship, and it happens a lot where you're in love and you're hurt, and that hurt turns to hate," she explained. "This person you love, you want to kill them. So I wanted to express that feeling."

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Peaches is releasing her first record in six years. GETTY IMAGES

MUSIC

Green Day unveils trailer for American Idiot doc

Green Day has shared a trailer for the upcoming documentary Heart Like a Hand Grenade, due for release next month.

The film goes behind the scenes to look at the songwriting and recording for the band's Grammy-winning punk rock opera, American Idiot, which launched more than 10 years ago. Heart Like a Hand Grenade will release in select theatres starting on Oct. 15. AFP

One Direction names their new album

Boy band One Direction has announced that its next album will be called Made in the A.M. and offered up a new track.

The group announced the news via a video on Twitter, also revealing that the track Infinity would be available to those who pre-order the album.

Made in the A.M. will be the band's first album recorded without Zayn Malik, who left the band in March. AFP

English heritage takes spotlight

BURBERRY

British fashion attracting a global plugged in clientele

A live orchestra, a starry front row, clothes boasting a proud British heritage and craftsmanship: Burberry knows how to put on a crowd-pleasing spectacle. The luxury British design house blended fashion with entertainment in its biannual display at London Fashion Week Monday, a well-oiled production and a key event to boost sales and brand prestige.

Actors Benedict Cumberbatch, Sienna Miller and Naomie Harris squeezed in the front row, joining a posse of models led by Kate Moss and Cara Delevingne.

A new talking point this season was the live music: Burberry has put on music performances before, but not like this. Models sashayed around an orchestra pit housing a 32-piece orchestra and singer Alison Moyet, who starred centre-stage in the middle of the tent.

The clothes, of course, are the main selling point, and Burberry makes sure there is something for everybody.

A key theme is mixing elegant with street cool.

There were lots of opulent black and gold English lace, wispy sheer outfits and silk slip dresses, dressed down with unbuttoned fluid trenches, nylon rucksacks and sporty flat sandals — casual gear that could have been worn by any college student, if not for the giveaway gold chain and buckle details.

The brand's best-known beige trench took a backseat to military-style outerwear — black and navy pea coats with bright gold piping and gold buttons, which design chief Christopher Bailey said were made by the same company that dresses Britain's royal guards.

If the show didn't feel particularly summery, what with the mix of silks and heavy coats, it's because Burberry wants to cater as many international customers — especially those in China, a big part of its market — as possible.

"I like the idea that it's not just about the season, it's about an attitude because half the world is boiling hot, half the world is freezing cold," Bailey said backstage.

Under Bailey, Burberry has aggressively used social media and technology to expand its market reach and entice new customers.

The brand has live-streamed its show to millions worldwide via its many online platforms for several seasons, and offers new merchandise for instant purchase.

Monday's show was for the first time previewed the previous evening on the social messaging platform Snapchat, which meant that users saw the collection before it was officially unveiled at the show.

It does raise the question: Will the fashion show soon become obsolete? Bailey doesn't seem to think so, and said there's still a place for putting on an expensive event for live guests.

"There's room for everything, I don't think one thing cancels the other," he said.

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A mountain immersed in myth

The three summits of the Stawamus Chief Mountain, which attracts thousands of visitors each year for its rock climbing and hiking trails. ISTOCK

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Sacred stories just part of summitting the Chief

The Stawamus Chief on Canada's West Coast is a world-renowned rock-climbing destination known for its beautiful multi-pitch routes and unrivalled crack-climbing pitches.

But many visiting outdoor enthusiasts are unaware that the iconic granite monolith also carries the scars of a legendary battle.

The region's Squamish people tell of the mythical hero Xwech'taal vanquishing the double-headed sea serpent Sinulhkay before uniting the Squamish Nation.

As Sinulhkay fled across the mountain, the creature seared a trail of defeat into the stone, which today is visible as a deep blackened cleft that runs like a scar up and over the mountain's face.

"It's a very powerful, sacred mountain that my people have admired for many years," says Ian Campbell, hereditary chief and elected councillor of the Squamish First Nation.

Campbell talks of the legendary Transformer brothers creating the Chief out of an enormous First Nations home in which all the spirit animals had gathered for a feast.

"We see it in the physical realm as a mountain, but in the spirit realm it's a longhouse," he said, describing it as a symbol of togetherness.

Today, the Stawamus Chief — pronounced stah-WAH'-muss, but known colloquially simply as the Chief — attracts thousands of visitors every year, both for its premier rock-climbing offerings but also thanks to its readily accessible hiking trails that climax in rewarding ridge-top vistas.

The mountain towers 700 metres over the head of a picturesque, inundated fjord, about 50 kilometres northwest of Vancouver. It cuts a striking image from afar, visible at the base of the scenic Sea-to-Sky Highway as a radiant granite sentinel, standing watch over the sleepy community of Squamish. The monolith is the namesake of the First Nation settlement of Stawamus, located immediately at its foot.

Looking down from the first of its three rounded granite summits, the slithering Squamish River can be seen reaching the salty waters of Howe Sound, which ripple between shades of teal and aquamarine under a shifting, cloud-covered sky.

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The initial peak is accessible about 1.5 kilometres from and 540 metres above the trail's starting point, while the two remaining summits are located slightly higher and farther along.

The panorama offers a view across the core of the Squamish Nation's territory.

To the north, the snow-streaked slopes of Nch'kay — also known as Mount Garibaldi — angle into the high-ceilinged clouds. Nch'kay played a prominent role in the Squamish Nation's creation story, offering sanctuary to the region's people during the great flood, explains Campbell.

The site also provides crucial nesting habitat to the peregrine falcon, prompting periodic closures of certain climbing routes throughout the year.

On any given summer day, small coloured specks can be made out dotting the mountain's face, indicating yet another band of climbers who have opted for the more direct, albeit somewhat more challenging, path to the peak.

A middle-aged couple from Michigan braved the moss-covered crag and scrambled up the occasional metal ladder and chain to reach the first peak.

"You just can't do justice to this place," says David McGreaham, marvelling at the view with his wife Kathy. "This is something I'll remember."

Other visitors come from farther afield. Ludovic Minne of France was about to wrap up two weeks of climbing and hiking in the Pacific Northwest.

"The view is just amazing — really, really beautiful," he said, smiling broadly as he describes watching the sunset from the summit the night before.

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Art goes pop at L.A.'s The Broad

NEW MUSEUM

City's cultural status gets a boost with $140M space

Clockwise from left: Visitors view Robert Therrien's Under the Table at the The Broad, a pop-art-styled museum in downtown Los Angeles that features a unique lobby and a white, honeycombed exterior. RICHARD VOGEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

When he arrived in Los Angeles more than 50 years ago, Eli Broad once said, he found himself in a city without a cultural centre. So the billionaire arts patron decided to build one.

On Sept. 20, that effort took a major step forward with the opening of The Broad, a shining, pop-art-styled museum holding 2,000 works by arguably every important contemporary artist of the past 60 years.

The $140-million project featuring 50,000 square feet of exhibition space is the most recent accomplishment in Broad's ongoing effort to remake a once seedy section of downtown Los Angeles into the cultural arts centre he has long envisioned.

But more than that, says Joanne Heyler, a veteran curator and the new museum's director, The Broad stands to remake Los Angeles into the nation's contemporary art capital.

"Los Angeles is now a place, a city, where if you're serious about collecting contemporary art, if you're serious about understanding contemporary art, you cannot not come here," she said as she led a recent tour through the museum.

The three-storey building is almost as much a pop-art creation as the numerous works by Andy Warhol, Cindy Sherman, Chris Burden and scores of others that it contains.

Its unusual appearance, created by Diller Scofidio Renfro, the architectural firm that envisioned New York City's High Line park, features a white, honeycombed "veil" made of fibreglass-reinforced concrete. It's a wrapping that envelops the building from its roof to the ground, providing an enclosed public sidewalk from which passersby can gaze in at some of the works.

40K

Some 40,000 people made reservations during the first two days they were offered earlier this month, causing the museum's computers to crash.

The museum itself sits directly across the street from L.A.'s Museum of Contemporary Art and is next door to the Walt Disney Concert Hall. Inside, the lobby resembles an Apple store, with museum "associates" armed with smartphones wandering the floor, checking visitors in and directing them to the nearly two dozen galleries.

Although admission is free, reservations are recommended so visitors can get in at the times they prefer. With works arranged chronologically, first-time visitors are advised to take an escalator to the third floor, where among the first things they'll see is Jeff Koons' brilliantly colourful Tulips sculpture.

Around the corner will be many of the most influential pop-art works of the 1960s, including Warhol's famous Small Torn Campbell's Soup Can (Pepper Pot) and other prominent pieces by Jasper Johns and Robert Rauschenberg.

From there it's a trip through the pop, abstract and contemporary art worlds of the 1960s, '70s, '80s and '90s, with paintings, sculptures, photographs and other works by the likes of Ed Ruscha, Roy Lichtenstein, Charles Ray and others.

Among the many highlights are Ruscha's heralded Norms La Cienega On Fire painting and Koons' stunning porcelain sculpture of Michael Jackson and his pet chimp Bubbles.

On the first floor, in a darkened gallery, is Ragnar Kjartansson's whimsical performance-art piece The Visitors. Displayed on nine video screens, it features musicians playing and singing a brief musical snippet inspired by the group Abba over and over for more than an hour. Among the performers is the Icelandic artist himself, who sits naked in a bathtub, strumming his guitar.

The second floor holds the museum's vault and, thanks to a large porthole, visitors will actually be able to look into it and see works not currently on display. It's a vault being constantly added to, said Heyler, who noted that the museum acquires an average of one new work a week.

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The Yellow Backie, like "couchsurfing on a bike." 2015 YOUTUBE, LLC

RIDESHARE SCHEME

Hitchhike on a bike in Amsterdam

A team of entrepreneurs in Amsterdam has come up with perhaps the most quintessentially Dutch way to hitchhike: on a bike.

The scheme called Yellow Backie is designed with the tourist in mind, offering visitors an authentic way to the see the city and meet a local.

Hitching a ride on the back of a friend's bike is a common way for locals to get around the city.

Described as being akin to "couchsurfing on a bike," the concept invites Amsterdammers who are open to meeting new people to replace the luggage rack on the back of their bike with a yellow rack, provided for free by the bike tour and rental company.

Tourists will be able to identify participants by the distinctive yellow seat and flag down a ride by yelling, "Backie!"

Unlike a cab or Uber ride, however, the principle behind the idea is for visitors to let their driver serve as an impromptu tour guide.

The program is free and is app-free. AFP

Set up Nexus interview at land border, not airport

ON THE MOVE

Answering your Qs on hotel deals, travel ID cards and more

Loren Christie
For Metro Canada

Time to dip into the Metro mailbag and respond to some readers' questions.

How can you ensure you are getting the best deal for your hotel room?

With the number of online travel agencies, wholesalers and consolidators out there, trying to figure out who offers the best value can be overwhelming. And remember it's important to consider the best value versus the best deal because you really do get what you pay for. Your great deal may end up being the room that hasn't been renovated in 10 years that overlooks a brick wall. Or perhaps your amazingly cheap room might be at a hotel that ends up charging you exorbitant rates for your parking and breakfast. You need to evaluate all of the costs associated with the hotel you are choosing.

For the best value consider booking an accommodation package. Hotels sell their cheapest rooms to companies willing to bury the rate in the cost of a package, which could include breakfast, parking, attractions passes or other value-adds.

Thoughts on a Nexus card?

This bi-national pre-approved customs and immigration pass will help speed you through customs lines on both sides of the border. Apply online and once you are initially approved, you then go for a personal interview. Set up your application interview appointment at a land border, not the airport. The waiting list at the airport can take a long time whereas land borders can often process you within days.

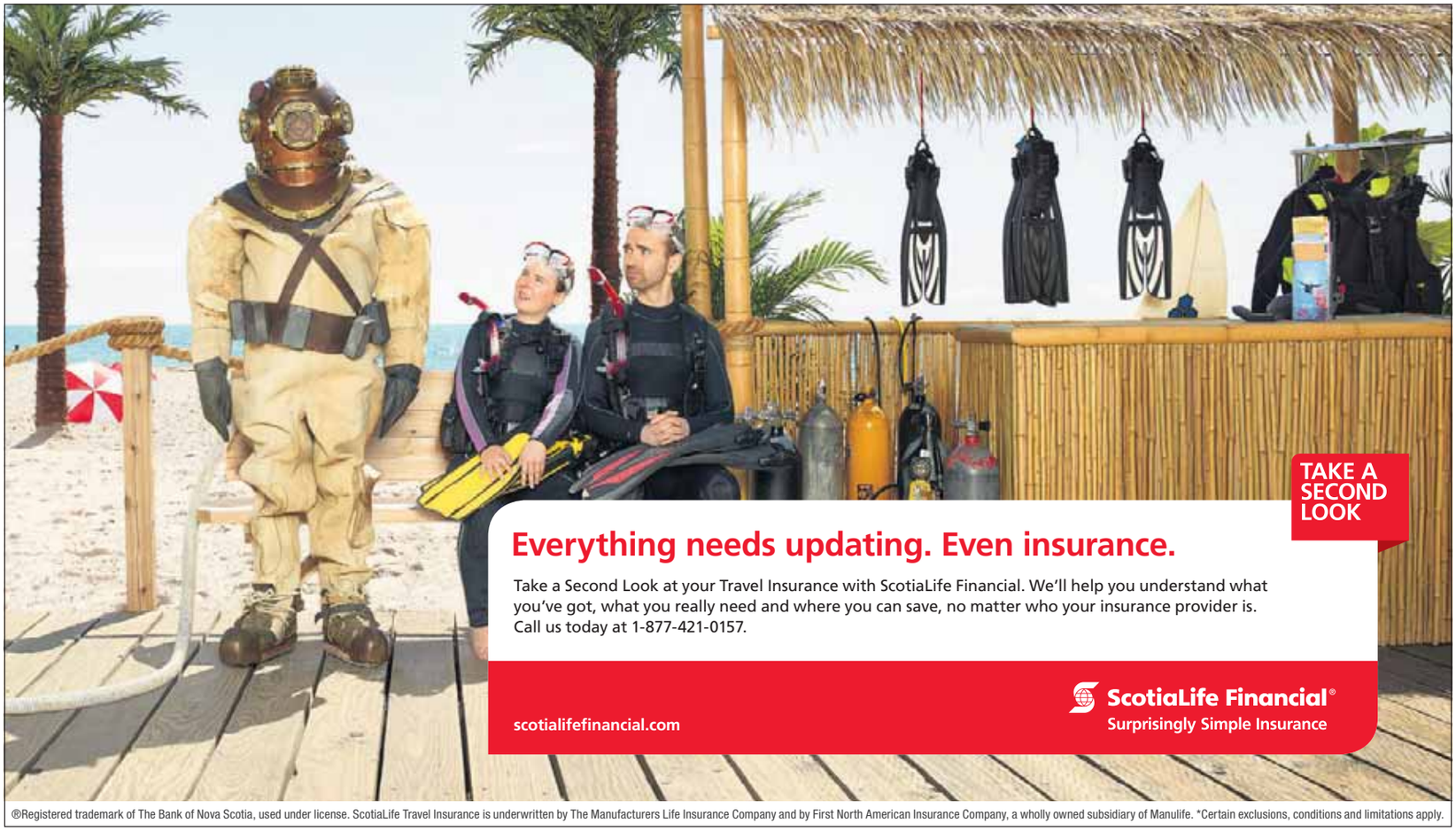
Are repositioning cruises a good deal?

When ships relocate from one part of the world to sail in another it is called a repositioning cruise. The deals can be as much as 70 per cent off the cost of a regular cruise. However, be prepared for more days at sea, potentially costly one-way flights and travel to destinations in the shoulder seasons.

What is the difference between a four- and five-star hotel in the Caribbean?

Unlike North American hotels, where stars indicate a level of quality, the star rating systems of Caribbean resorts serve to differentiate the services and amenities offered. Additionally, different tour operators use varied criteria for awarding the stars. For example, the difference between a four-star and five-star hotel may be that one has a tennis court while the other does not. So if you are a beach bum who has never picked up a racket, why not save some money and stay at the lower-rated property?

Repositioning cruises may seem like a great deal, but beware of hidden costs. ISTOCK



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This is also exemplified by the direct insurance billing policy the practice follows, which allows its patients the freedom to focus on their dental health without worrying about how to pay for it.

"We are excited to become a trusted and well-respected dental health-care provider to the city of Calgary and surrounding communities for many years to come," Reddy says. "We want our office to have familiar faces that patients can get to know, are comfortable with, and look forward to seeing at their dental visits."

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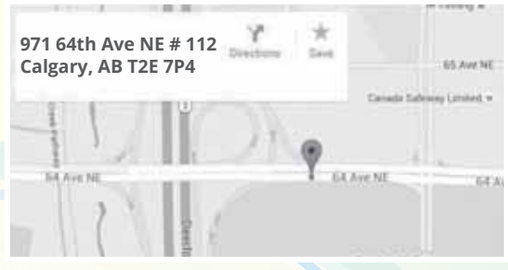

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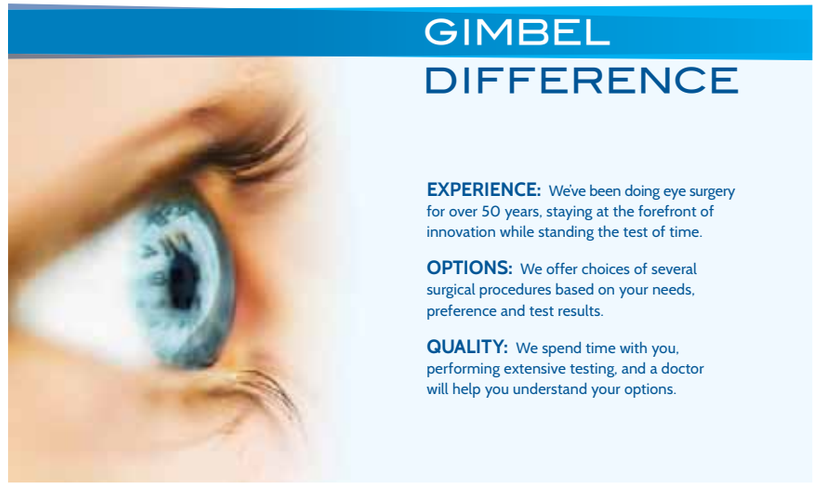

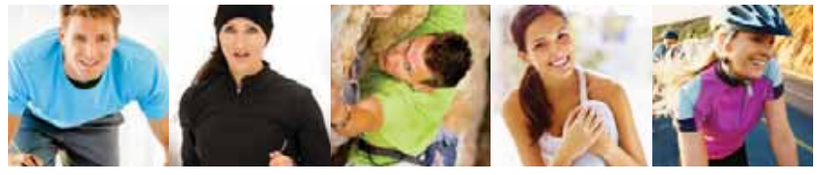

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What lies ahead for the Jays

MLB

After all but slaying the Yankees, team controls fate

The Toronto Blue Jays are in the American League East driver's seat. They are the favourites to win the division title and are a virtual lock to make their first playoff appearance in 22 years.

Here are five things to watch as the regular season winds down:

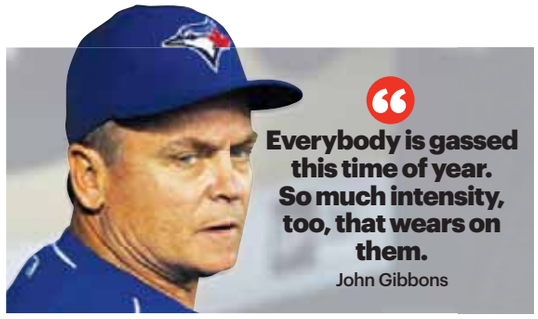
PRICE POSITION

The Blue Jays acquired ace David Price at the trade deadline to handle big games — especially against the New York Yankees — over the playoff push in the second half. With an 8-1 record and 1.95 earned-run average since joining Toronto, he has come as advertised.

His next start is scheduled for Saturday against the visiting Tampa Bay Rays and he'll get another start next week in Baltimore.

If the Blue Jays fall into a wild-card position, Price could be used in the Oct. 6 game on five days rest. But it's much more likely they'll take the East title and start him in the American League Division Series opener on Oct. 8.

Knuckleballer R.A. Dickey will start against the Rays on Friday night and veteran southpaw Mark Buehrle will close out the homestand on Sunday.



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>
> John Gibbons

EAST FEAST

It has been an American League East-heavy schedule for the first-place Blue Jays of late and they'll continue that trend for the remaining 10 games.

After the home schedule is completed Sunday against the Rays, it's on to Baltimore for four games before wrapping the campaign with three games at Tampa Bay.

The Yankees, who are three games behind the Blue Jays after Thursday night's 3-2 win over the White Sox, are home for a four-game set against Chicago and the Boston Red Sox before closing their season with a three-game series in Baltimore.

REST EASIER

The 162-game regular season is a long one and any time off around this time of year is precious.

The Yankees have games scheduled every day until their finale Oct. 4. The Blue Jays, who have played one more game than New York, got a break Thursday before kicking off their last home series against Tampa Bay on Friday night.

"That's got to help us, everybody is gassed this time of year," said Blue Jays manager John Gibbons. "So much intensity too, that wears on them."

POWER PLAY

Toronto's offence has cooled a bit of late but the team should still finish first in several offensive categories this season.

The Blue Jays lead the major leagues in runs scored, home runs, slugging percentage and OPS (on-base percentage plus slugging). Toronto also has three players — Josh Donaldson, Jose Bautista and Edwin Encarnacion — who have reached the 35-homer and 100-RBI plateaus.

It's only the second time in franchise history that three players have accomplished the feat in the same year.

The 1998 Blue Jays boasted a power trio that included Jose Canseco (46 homers, 107 RBIs), Carlos Delgado (38-115) and Shawn Green (35-100).

Donaldson leads the way this year with 39 homers and 120 RBIs. Bautista has 36 homers — one more than Encarnacion — and both have 105 RBIs.

ALDS PLANS

The Blue Jays have an idea of the rotation they'd like to use in the best-of-five ALDS, but they don't want to get too far ahead of themselves.

If they win the division, expect Price to work two games with Dickey and Marcus Stroman likely to get starts as well. If that happens, the Blue Jays would then have to decide whether to go with Marco Estrada or Buehrle for the remaining nod.

The ALDS is a best-of-five affair Oct. 8-14. The American League Championship Series is set for Oct. 16-24 and the World Series — also a best-of-seven series — is Oct. 27-Nov. 4.

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ON THURSDAY

Rangers roll into Houston

Cole Hamels pitched six innings to earn his fifth consecutive win, Prince Fielder hit his 22nd homer and the Texas Rangers beat the Oakland Athletics 8-1 on Thursday to complete a three-game sweep.

The Rangers moved a season-high 14 games over .500 and extended their lead to 3-1/2 games over the idle Astros in the AL West.

Texas heads to Houston to begin a three-game series on Friday.

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Bo Levi Mitchell is one of the few CFL starting QBs who hasn't missed a start due to injury. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Healthy QBs a rare sight

CFL

Just three pivots have avoided injury this season

Bo Levi Mitchell hasn't resorted to tucking a four-leaf clover in his shoe or clipping a lucky rabbit's foot to his uniform.

Heading into Friday's game against the Blue Bombers, the Calgary Stampeders quarterback is one of only three pivots who has avoided injury and started every game for his team this season.

Despite his counterparts falling like dominoes across the CFL, Mitchell said Thursday he's not about to change his style.

"I just go out there and play the way I play football," he said, noting he missed three games last year because of injury.

Ottawa's Henry Burris has also stayed healthy this season, while backup Trevor Harris has had the reins from the get-go in Toronto with No. 1 Ricky Ray recovering from off-season shoulder surgery. Ray is back practising.

The number of injured quarterbacks has climbed every year since 2011, according to CFL statistician Steve Daniel.

Going into this weekend's action, the nine clubs have started 19 different quarterbacks because of injuries or performance, Daniel said, adding Bomber Matt Nichols is counted twice as he's started for Edmonton and Winnipeg.

That number will climb to 20 after B.C. plays this weekend, with Jonathon Jennings expected to start for the Lions in place of recently injured John Beck. It moves to 21 when Hamilton finishes its bye week and has to use a new starter for Zach Collaros, who's out for the season with a knee injury.

Daniel said in a phone interview he dug up stats going back to 2000 and a high of 22 different quarterbacks were used in 2007.

He also calculated the number of quarterbacks who specifically missed playing time because of injury and it's been rising the past five years.

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PGA TOUR

Stenson makes it look easy at East Lake

Just getting to East Lake is the challenge for Henrik Stenson. Playing the golf course appears to be the easy part.

Two years after his wire-to-wire victory to capture the FedEx Cup, Stenson was just as dominant Thursday until he stalled at the end and had to settle for a 7-under 63 and a two-shot lead over Paul Casey in the Tour Championship.

Stenson ripped a 4-wood from 288 yards to 25 feet and made the eagle putt on the par-5 ninth to go out in 29. He added two more birdies to reach 8 under through 12 holes until he made pars the rest of the way and his lone bogey on the 17th.

Even so, it was just the start he wanted on a course that he has figured out. Stenson opened with a 64 two years ago, stretched his lead to as many as nine shots in the third round and joined Tom Watson as the only wire-to-wire winners of the Tour Championship.

He missed last year when he failed to get into the top 30 who qualify for the FedEx Cup finale, and knew he only needed to get back to have a chance.

"I wanted to get out of the blocks quickly, and I surely did," Stenson said.

Stenson is No. 4 in the FedEx Cup and has been a big topic of conversation this week. He could finish as low as third and still win the $10 million bonus without having won a tournament all year. But the Swede looked at it from a simpler form of math. As one of the top five seeds, he only has to win the Tour Championship to take home golf's biggest payoff, and that's all he was thinking about.

"I'll be happy on Sunday if I were to finish second and win the FedEx Cup," he said.

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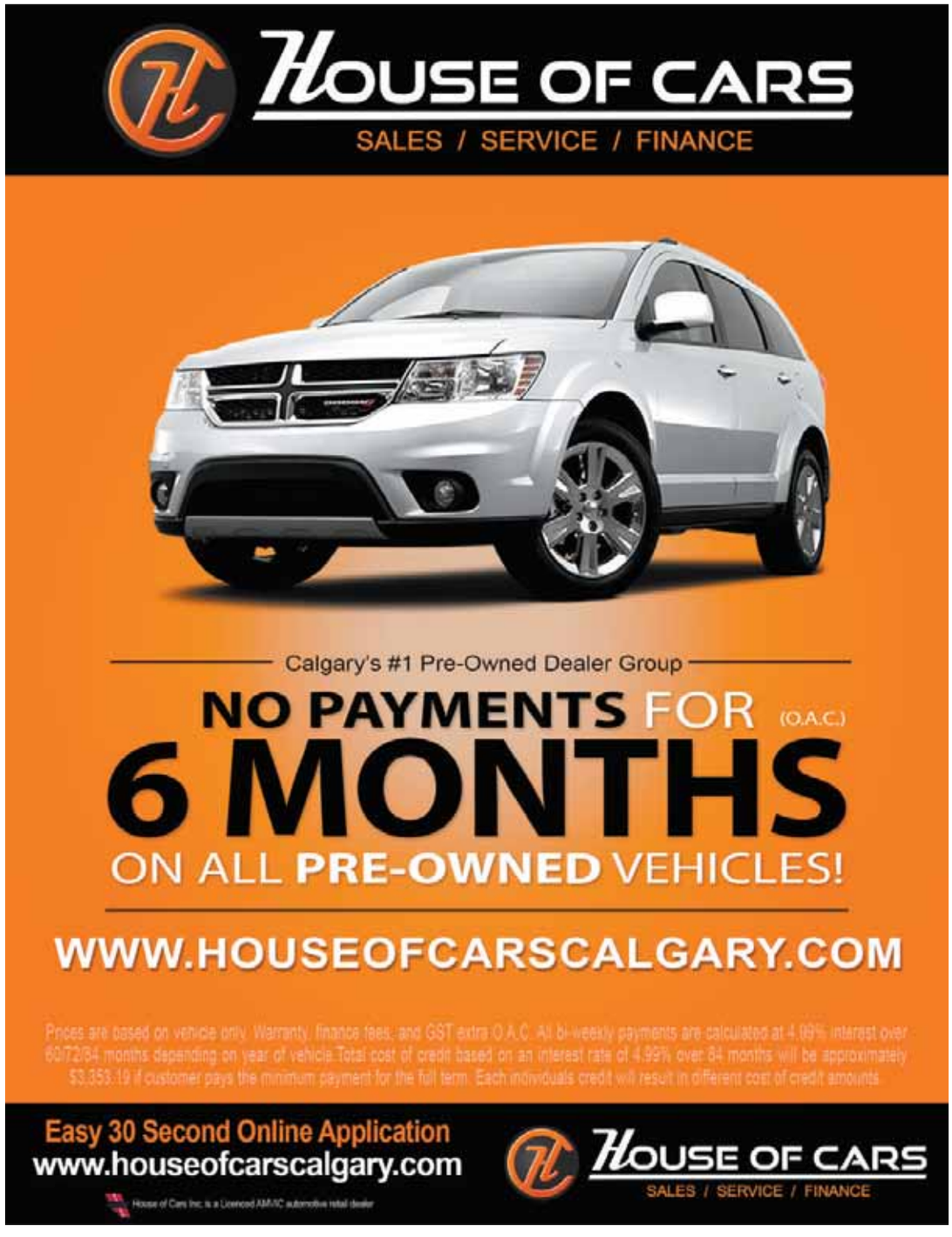

RECIPE BLT Ranch Burgers

After hosting sunset dinner parties for friends and family, Katie Lee, co-host of The Food Network's The Kitchen, compiled her favourite recipes into the Endless Summer Cookbook released this year.

"I made these burgers for a group of friends one afternoon and they pretty much lost their minds," she says. "The ranch dressing is rich and creamy next to the beefy burger with that crispy bacon, lettuce, and tomato."

Makes 4 burgers.

Ingredients

For the dressing:
- 1 cup (240 ml) mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup (120 ml) plain yogurt
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) buttermilk
- 2 Tbsp minced fresh chives
- 2 Tbsp minced fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 tsp garlic powder

For the burgers:
- 1 lb (455 g) lean ground beef
- 1 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper
- 8 pieces cooked bacon, cut in half
- 1 ripe tomato, sliced
- Bibb lettuce leaves
- 4 potato buns, buttered and toasted

Directions

1. Make the dressing: Combine all the dressing ingredients and mix well.

2. Make the burgers: Preheat an outdoor grill to medium-high. In a bowl, combine the beef, Worcestershire sauce, egg, salt, and pepper. Shape into four patties. Grill the patties for about 3 minutes per side for medium doneness.

3. Place each patty on a bun and top with bacon, tomato, lettuce, and a generous dollop of dressing. Serve immediately.

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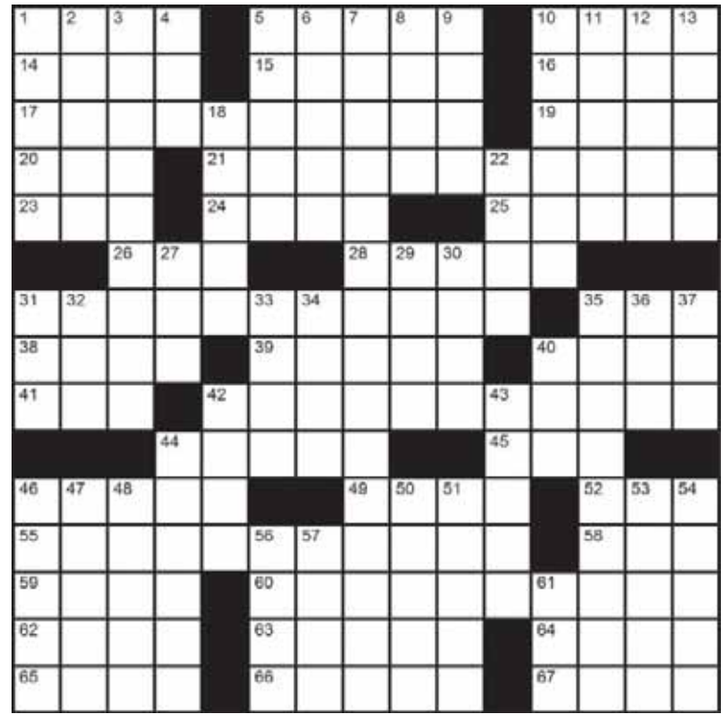

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19. Stewpot
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21. Legendary marks-woman from Ohio (b.1860 - d.1926) who (apparently) got married in Canada (in Windsor) in 1882: 2 wds.
23. Floral necklace
24. Belonging to Jay Z's wife, fun-style
25. Ms. Aglukkaq (Canada's Environment Minister)
26. Music genre
28. Shrek's kin
31. _ Hawk (Largest hawk of North America that has some rusty plumage)
35. Authorize
38. Heroic verse
39. Reddish-rose dye
40. Automaker of Italy
41. Get the ribbon
42. Canadian businessman Kevin O'Leary's nickname for himself: 2 wds.
44. Rage: 2 wds.
45. Dance tip in ballet
46. Sandbank
49. Breakfast side order
52. Prime meridian std.
55. Skillful triumph or feat: 3 mots
58. Motor City org.
59. Stars sci.
60. Fort _, Florida
62. "From _ _ You" by The Beatles
63. Plains animal
64. Sky bear
65. Ship's front
66. Watchful
67. _. _. (Fargo's locale)

DOWN
1. Mr. Rathbone of classic movies
2. Make merry
3. Persevere: 2 wds.
4. Above Level link
5. Stretch one's neck for a better look
6. _ & The Daytonas (Surfer music band)
7. National Historic Site of Canada... Grassy homestead attraction in Saskatchewan: 3 wds.
8. Obsession, _ fixe
9. Streetside sandwich sort
10. Bicycle wheel parts
11. Void, in Venice
12. "Over the Rainbow" co-composer Harold
13. Beach: Spanish
18. Cape Breton hometown of The Rankin Family
22. Frothy quaffs
27. Married title
29. Leavin'
30. _ um die Welt (Around the world, in German)
31. Not many
32. Prefix with 'dermis'
33. Wheat _
34. Des Moines locale
35. Beach supervisor
36. Quebec tap fluid
37. Final amt.
40. Backwards
42. Blend
43. Archaic anesthetic
44. Pushcart, perhaps loaded with earth or gravel
46. Certain collectible
47. Grass sprayer
48. _ _ lunch (Not on the ball)
50. Great enthusiasm [var. sp.]
51. Fragrance
53. Dip for tortillas
54. Fine-tune
56. "Prometheus" (2012) star Idris
57. Tank
61. Horse coat hue

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You will be impatient of restriction and intolerant of people who don't live up to your expectations. But be careful who you clash with — you could make some powerful enemies.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Be careful how hard you push yourself today because there is a possibility you might strain yourself if you take on too much. Know what your limits are and stay within them.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
The Sun in Libra does wonders for your confidence but other aspects warn you could easily overextend yourself. You have what it takes to win big but first you need to be aware of your shortcomings.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Mars encourages you to say things you may later regret. If you want to avoid unpleasant scenes further down the line you must not lose your temper.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Make sure you think before you speak or act today. Don't assume that because something is amusing to you it will be amusing to everyone else. Practical jokes are a no-no.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Because you are usually such a modest individual it will come as a surprise to some when you reveal your aggressive side today. If you are not getting what you deserve, make a scene. It will be effective.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You will clash with someone whose views and opinions you disagree with. Don't back down. It is unlikely you will find common ground, so go all out to win the argument.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
It's not often that you get up in front of other people and lay down the law but you will do so today. It annoys you to think that the answer to a major problem is obvious to you but no one else seems able to see it.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
The time is ripe to make a play for power. It is, of course, possible that you will go too far or expect too much but rather that than you make no effort at all.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You will react badly to anyone who tries to tell you what to do, even if they have every right to point out your failings or point out the way. Try not to be quite so aggressive.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
If you make a mistake today it is sure to be a big one. Don't try to cover it up or shift the blame as that will make matters worse. Everyone gets it wrong now and again, even an Aquarius. It's no big deal.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Plan something enjoyable for the weekend, something that takes you out of yourself. Forget about your woes and have a really good time with your friends or your family.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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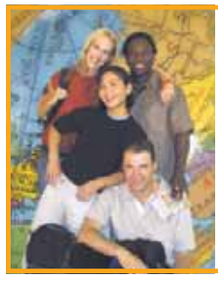
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